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## Commuters are hit in the wallet again as rail fares set to rocket

By Marijke Cox

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COMMUTERS face staggering price hikes of at least £218 on annual season tickets following the Government's announcement of yet another inflation-busting rise.

And things could get even worse for Medway's hard-hit commuters if rail operator Southeastern chooses to push the 6.2 per cent increase up even more.

Next January's fares will be based on July's inflation of 3.2 per cent plus three per cent, but operators are allowed to raise the ticket cost on popular routes by an additional five per cent as long as they impose lower increases elsewhere and the overall average increase across the county remains at 6.2 per cent.

In the worst-case scenario it could mean some annual tickets Medway and London being hit with a massive 11.2

per cent hike, amounting to a staggering £394 rise on standard rail, and £494 on high-speed lines.

Southeastern has not yet confirmed what the increases will be.

But under the latest pricing formula of 6.2 per cent, commuters using Chatham, Gillingham and Rochester stations to reach the city from January, 2013, are likely to see season ticket costs on the standard service rise by £218 to £3,742 and for high speed by £256 to £4,668.

If Southeastern chooses to increase prices by the maximum 11.2 per cent, it will be an extra £394 and £494 respectively on top of current fares.

The only hope is the operator will keep rises down on some of Medway's lines to balance out the county's overall average rise.

Southeastern said the Government

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OLYMPICS

## DALEY DROPS BY

POPULAR Olympian Tom Daley made a splash this week when he visited Bluewater.

The bronze-medal winning

diving sensation was met by hordes of emotional fans when he appeared at Waterstones to sign copies of his new book, *My Story*.

CAMPAIGN

## New airport hit by fog row

A NEW Thames Estuary airport is considerably more likely to be affected by foggy weather than Heathrow, latest research has found. The study by the Met Office was commissioned by Medway Council in response to claims that an estuary hub would be "just as foggy" as Heathrow. **PAGE 5**

CULTURE

## £1.4m grant won for arts

A MAJOR £1.4 million grant has been won from culture chiefs to increase people's participation in the arts. The money goes to Swale and Medway councils, who formed a consortium to win the three-year funding to get residents more involved and engaged with the arts. **PAGE 7**

SPORTS

## Mos ready to for rink action

KEVIN Parrish has added the final piece to his Invicta Dynamos ice hockey squad as they returned to training this week. Captain and prolific forward Andy Smith has re-signed for his ninth season and has kept the captaincy which he was given at the start of last year. **PAGE 39**

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## EDUCATION

# Students are all A\* as schools celebrate impressive results

By Dean Kilpatrick

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TEARS of joy and despair were seen across the towns as students received their A-level results.

Figures were expected to show pass rates remained the same as last year in Medway, despite a new marking system making it harder to achieve top marks.

Medway Council's portfolio holder for children's services Cllr Les Wicks said: "Results day can be an anxious time for students and their families, but our young people have worked incredibly hard and I am sure their dedication will have paid off."

"I congratulate them for all their achievements. I'd also like to congratulate our teachers for their hard work, which has helped so many achieve the results they deserve. I wish all our students success in their future careers and the best of luck to anyone who has sat exams this summer in whatever they choose to do."

The Howard School in Rainham recorded its best-ever results with a 98 per cent pass rate, which is higher than the national average.

Proud headteacher Paul Morris said: "This particular year is terrific and they have responded well to excellent teaching."

Although the number of students applying for university dropped this year following the decision to raise tuition fees, the higher education establishments in Medway were expecting a busy clearing period.

However, Mr Morris added: "The majority of the students want to go to university, although we have seen a 10 per cent reduction in our students aiming to go to university – alongside most of the country. They're saying they are not going

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**WELL DONE:** Jimmy Gore and Liam Fitzpatrick; and Charlie Harrison, all of The Howard School

to go, but a lot of them don't want to build up £30,000-40,000 fees without spending some time thinking about it."

Jimmy Gore, 18, got two A\*s and two Bs and said he wanted to become a film actor.

He said: "I'm really happy. I am going to take a gap year because I want to go to a prestigious drama school called the London Centre, and they like people to have life experience first."

"My intention is to go to auditions in London each week during my year out. I've been acting for about five or six years and it's always been a passion of mine."

Liam Fitzpatrick, also 18, added: "I did the last exam two months ago, so it's been a bit of a waiting game. It's such a relief. The worst-case scenario goes through your head when you open the envelope but when you open it

and read the results, you just feel really happy."

MidKent College also enjoyed its best-ever results, reaching an overall pass rate of 96 per cent, improving on last year's figures by five per cent.

Acting principal Sue McLeod said: "We are absolutely delighted our overall pass rate has increased yet again, giving us our best ever A-level results."

"The college offers a wide range of subjects – including our unique one-year intensive courses at Maidstone – and these results show why we are such a great alternative to school sixth form."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### ➔ Cat put in microwave

THE RSPCA has launched an investigation after reports an eight-year-old boy put his neighbour's cat into a microwave. The owner claimed he was upstairs in his home in Rochester when he heard the microwave being used. After coming downstairs, the owner found his neighbour's son had put the cat in the microwave and was standing watching it inside. The owners of the cat took it to the PDSA charity for treatment, but the cat may have permanent organ damage.

### ➔ Join CSI Rochester

A FINGERPRINT expert will share his knowledge of crime scene examinations when he gives a talk at Rochester Community Hub. Further Cases of Fingerprints and Murder – a talk by Jack Deans, is on Thursday, September 27, at 7.30pm. Mr Deans spent 35 years as a fingerprint expert and crime scene examiner with the Met Police at New Scotland Yard in London. The free event is now booking – phone Rochester Community Hub on 01634 337411.

### ➔ Concert at dockyard

ORCHESTRA ONE is to celebrate in music the influence of the River Medway on Kent's riverside communities with a landmark concert at Chatham Historic Dockyard on Sunday, August 26 at 7pm. Orchestra ONE (Orchestra of New Experiences) gives young people aged 12-19 the chance to develop their own styles and instrumentation, blending classical and jazz players with DJs and MCs, and then to perform their compositions in concert. Tickets are available free in advance by contacting Kent Music on 01622 358406.

## CHARITY

## Teenage Channel swimmer rescued from freezing water

A TEENAGE swimmer whose cross-Channel attempt almost ended in tragedy says she has no memory of being dragged to safety.

Sophie Tills, from Solomon Road, Rainham, was just three miles off reaching the French coast when serious concerns were raised about her health and her support team were forced to call off the challenge.

The 19-year-old charity fundraiser, who recently completed a public services course at MidKent College's Medway campus, said she was still proud of her achievement.

"The water was just too cold and they had to pull me out because they were worried I was suffering from hypothermia," she said. "Apparently I kept crashing into the boat – which is when they started to realise something was wrong – but I don't remember any of the last hour."

"It must have been really



**SAVED:** Swimmer Sophie Tills

scary for everyone but they took good care of me, dressing me and wrapping me up in a sleeping bag before I fell asleep in the boat. The next thing I remember was getting back home."

Last month 45-year-old Irishman Paraic Casey died after falling ill during his Channel swim, so Miss Tills' team were not going to take any chances with her health.

"I really enjoyed the swim at first," she said. "But the longer it went on the colder the water got and the more I ached.

"I swam from 12.30pm on Friday (August 10) until 1am the following day, so it was a bit gutting I didn't reach France, but I'm still really proud I got as far as I did."

"That's probably enough for me now though. I love swimming but the Channel is very hard to train for, so I think I'll leave it at that."

Sophie's swim was in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and so far she has raised just under £1,000.

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Tony Truscott – Sophie's former head of faculty at MidKent College – was among those who waved her off at Dover. He said: "Despite falling just short of her challenge, Sophie can be very pleased with what she has achieved."

"She is an inspiration to us all and everyone at the college is very proud of her."

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## CAMPAIGN

# Foggy conditions could ground proposals for estuary airport

By Marijke Cox

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A THAMES Estuary airport is considerably more likely to be affected by fog than Heathrow, new research has found.

The study by the Met Office, commissioned by Medway Council in response to claims that an estuary hub would be "just as foggy" as Heathrow, looked at how many hours of fog there would be at a new airport and how many passengers would be affected.

Data taken from a weather station at the estuary over five years showed it would be more susceptible to foggy conditions, when visibility falls below 1,000m.

Such conditions would mean traffic controllers having to increase airspace between planes so there is more time to react to any problems, which would subsequently slow arrivals and departures and clog up the process.

The authors of the report said: "Given that any airport in the Thames Estuary would be operating 24 hours a day with considerably more passenger numbers than Heathrow, it is reasonable to conclude that a significantly larger number of people are likely to be affected by fog in the Thames Estuary."

"This is enhanced when you consider the data which shows that a large amount of fog occurs during the night, something that Heathrow is able to mitigate given that it does not operate 24 hours a day, but a Thames estuary airport will not have the same luxury."

The report followed claims by Huw Thomas from Foster and Partners – Lord Foster's firm – that an estuary airport would be "just as foggy" as Heathrow. Lord Foster is the architect behind plans for a £20bn airport on the Isle of Grain.

The Met Office said fog had more of an impact



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on arrivals, when planes are trying to land, than with departures and that a Thames Estuary hub would be almost three times more likely to suffer from dense fog during peak arrival times, when visibility falls below 150m, than Heathrow.

The study also found that, based on the estimated number of flights and passengers, some 115,132 people would be affected by fog at an estuary airport every year.

This latest research has given the campaign against such an airport an extra boost as the fight pushes on ahead of the Government's eagerly awaited aviation review this autumn.

Medway Council said it commissioned the study to add weight to the anti-airport campaign.

The research provided a breakdown on an hourly basis, over five years from January, 2007, to December, 2011, of the visibility at separate weather stations situated at Heath-

row airport and at the Thames Estuary.

A Medway Council spokesman said: "Research found the Thames Estuary region is actually three times more susceptible to foggy conditions than Heathrow airport. An airport on the estuary would not only cost tens of billions to build, it would also be on the wrong side of London and have a devastating impact on communities."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Outdoor fires warning

KENT Fire and Rescue Service is urging people to protect the countryside after dealing with a spate of outdoor fires. Last weekend crews were called to fires in Gravesend, West Hythe, Kemsing, Sheppey, Sheerness, Strood, and Romney Marsh. Spokesman Stuart Skilton, said: "Every year fire destroys thousands of acres of countryside, crops, and wildlife habitats. While some fires are started deliberately most are actually down to carelessness."

## Train firm claims gold

TRAIN company Southeastern has announced more than seven million passengers made journeys on its trains during the Olympic Games. Despite concerns the transport infrastructure wouldn't cope with the increase in demand, there was no major disruption in Kent during the Games. The figure is a 20 per cent increase in people using the trains compared to this time last year. Southeastern says it is now preparing so it is ready for the Paralympics.

## Manhunt after attack

ESSEX Police are hunting for this man following an assault inside a Chelmsford nightclub last Saturday which has left a 49-year-old man seriously ill in hospital in a critical condition. Detectives believe the man, who was captured on CCTV, has connections to Kent.



## AWARDS CEREMONY

## Business awards will celebrate the county's best independent traders

THE doom and gloom of the last few years has seen some businesses flounder under the strain of the economic crisis.

But there are many independent traders who have beaten the odds and gone from strength to strength in the face of adversity.

In celebration of this, Kent Independent Traders Business Community has organised a special awards ceremony to recognise the hard work and dedication that comes with owning a business.

Supported by Archant KOS Media, the event looks to celebrate those businesses in the county which have bucked the national trend and continued to thrive.

Business owners are invited to enter a maximum of three categories in the competition from a selection of 14, including independent tradesperson of the year,



entrepreneur of the year, service industry award, and retailer of the year.

Each category winner will receive an advertising/marketing package worth £1,200 and the runners-up package is worth £500.

Organisers say it will not only give winners a fantastic boost financially but will raise their profile and give them an edge over the competition.

Hilary Steel, from Kent Ideas, the firm hosting the awards, said: "With so much doom and gloom surrounding the current economic climate there is no better time for independent business owners in Kent to shout out that they are still going strong. Independent businesses are the

backbone of communities."

The ceremony will take place on September 20, at Bar 10 in Maidstone and will be combined with the largest business networking event on the Kent Independent Traders calendar.

The event is being sponsored by Specsavers, Q Hotel, Ashford International, and Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets are £5, which includes welcome drinks and a buffet.

Kent Independent Traders is an online and offline business community for anyone who owns their own business.

All are welcome to attend and tickets are available at [www.kentindependenttraders.co.uk/2012-awards](http://www.kentindependenttraders.co.uk/2012-awards).

For the full list of categories and to enter go to [www.kentindependenttraders.co.uk](http://www.kentindependenttraders.co.uk) before August 31. An independent panel of judges will decide the winners.

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## CULTURE

# £1.4m boost to encourage us all to enjoy the creative arts

By Chris Murphy  
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A MAJOR £1.4 million grant has been won from culture chiefs to increase participation in the arts.

The money goes to Swale and Medway councils, who formed a consortium to win the three-year funding to get residents more involved.

It is designed to increase participation and engagement in the arts, in collaboration with local people and organisations.

The two authorities get to spend a total of £1,476,000 from Arts Council England's Creative People and Places programme.

The consortium is made up from several groups including Swale Council for Voluntary Service and Volunteer Centre; Medway Council for Voluntary Service; Artlands North Kent; LV21; Kent Architecture Centre; Creek Creative Studios; FrancisKnight - project managers for Leysdown Rose-tinted; and FellowCreative.

Together they will showcase and



ARTS: Medway Fuse Festival

test new arts activities and support local people to develop their own creative ideas, plus help strengthen

existing arts provision and celebrate what's great about the arts.

Helping will be the Royal Opera House Bridge Organisation, South East Dance, and Kent County Council Libraries and Archives.

Carl Jeffrey, founder of Fellow-Creative said: "This substantial investment will make a real difference to the communities of Medway and Swale. The long-term aim of our Creative People and Places vision is to enable a spirit of creative experimentation and the art of doing, together.

"Initiated by an ever-developing network of small-scale, grassroots individuals and organisations, we hope Medway and Swale become widely recognised as places where all forms of creativity can thrive; where communities directly benefit from the power of the arts to make positive changes in people's lives; where new routes for engagement are opened up through testing out pioneering and experimental approaches."

Swale council leader Cllr Andrew Bowles said: "I am delighted to hear

the application was successful in bringing investment into Swale. This will enable people to get involved with the arts and will help grassroots communities to shape arts provision in the borough.

"This is what localism is all about. Swale council will support the consortium to ensure this exciting project has maximum impact."

And Medway Council's portfolio holder for community services Cllr Howard Doe added: "Medway Council has long been a great supporter of the arts in this area. The annual Fuse Festival is evidence of the number of artists living and working in Medway, and the general public's interest in arts, culture and getting involved.

"Being awarded this grant is a testament to the strength of partnership working between the council, the voluntary sector, creative professionals, and communities.

"I'm looking forward to seeing what the project delivers over the next three years and I hope this investment encourages more people to get involved with the arts."

## HEALTH

## Doc in MMR jabs plea

HEALTH chiefs are reminding parents of four-year-olds starting school this autumn to make sure their children's vaccinations are up-to-date. Hundreds miss out on the second jab to protect them against measles, mumps and rubella (MMR). Dr Faiza Khan of NHS Kent and Medway, said: "It may be parents are busy and forget about this vaccination or they do not realise how important it is."

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## POLICING

# Independent's funding moans over police poll dismissed by parties

By Marijke Cox

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PROSPECTIVE candidates for the new Police and Crime Commissioner role have become embroiled in a spat after an independent hopeful accused political parties of hijacking the elections.

Kent's most high-profile independent candidate, Ann Barnes, led a delegation to Downing Street to protest against what she claims is "election unfairness".

In a letter to Prime Minister David Cameron, she demanded the Government use state funds to pay for mailshots as in parliamentary elections, where information about each candidate is posted out to voters.

The Home Office has refused to do the same for the PCC polls, arguing it would cost £25m-£35m nationwide, and that details will be online and information posted to those who want it.

But Mrs Barnes, who is former chair of Kent Police Authority, the body being replaced by the PCC in November, argued that political candidates have the advantage of the "party machine" to help fund electoral campaigns, including mailshots, unlike independent candidates.

Each hopeful is allowed to spend up to £228,338

in Kent, with a £5,000 deposit to stand.

Mrs Barnes said: "The Government has repeatedly stated it wanted strong, local independent candidates to come forward as potential police commissioners. However, it is denying them the state-funded election address to every elector that they would have had should they have been standing as an MP.

"My letter asked the Prime Minister to personally intervene and ensure the Home Office's refusal of state-funded election address to every voter is overturned.

"David Cameron is constantly saying that society should be open, fair and just. This election is none of these. It is being hijacked by the main political parties with their 'party machines' and 'party money'."

But Labour's prospective PCC candidate Harriet Yeo, an Ashford councillor, reacted furiously, saying her campaign was not being funded by the party.

"I am left to my own devices to fund my own campaign," she said. "We have to raise our own finances. I'll be doing that how every other prospective candidate will be.

"Ann Barnes can afford to spend money on newspaper advertising – I can't afford to do



**PROTEST:** Independent candidate Ann Barnes says she is making a stand against 'election unfairness'

that. I don't think she's that hard done by."

Ms Yeo also questioned how Mrs Barnes was not aware of the Government's decision not to fund mailshots.

"I've read reports that she didn't know about this, but she was chair of the Kent Police Authority – how did she not know? It was made clear from the start to prospective candidates."

Tory candidate Craig Mackinlay, a Medway councillor and magistrate, also reacted with fury over claims of party-funded campaigns.

"This is absolutely not true – the party is not awash with cash," he said. "I will need to raise the money and rely on donations from supporters.

"Political parties are a group of like-minded people who decided to join together to advance a common thread of values.

"An independent could have done that months ago – rallied support and really made a go of it.

"If they are incapable of getting support from

people, it should not be the taxpayer who picks up the enormous bill.

"Independent candidates entering the race did so knowing that there would be no free delivery; for independent candidates now to claim that this is somehow unfair is disingenuous.

"The cost to the Kent taxpayer of a free election address distribution could be in the order of £1.2m, enough to pay for 40 frontline police officers."

Voters will take to the polls on November 15 to elect the PCC to replace KPA.

The successful candidate will have the power to hire and fire the chief constable, set the police budget, write a police and crime plan, and commission services.

Prospective candidates include Steven Uncles (English Democrats) and independents Dai Liyanage, Ken Little, Fran Croucher, Fergus Wilson, and Ian Driver.

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## DEBT

# Making a stand against payday lenders

By Chris Murphy

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MEDWAY Council wants the power to stop payday lenders setting up in the area if they will have a "negative impact" on the community.

A report has been considered by members of the town hall's business support overview and security committee, which called on government to give local authorities the power to veto licences for high street credit agencies where they could have negative economic or social impacts on communities.

They have also pledged to promote credit unions in Medway, as these community-based organisations offer access to affordable credit and promote saving.

The committee has backed the report and it now goes before the regeneration and communities overview and scrutiny committee, and then finally to cabinet on September 4.

It comes after one councillor revealed there are some 23 shops offering high interest loans in Chatham and Gillingham, with some people using up to a dozen at one time.

Cllr Vince Maple believes they are helping to drive up local debt and now he wants to see a change in planning



**ON THE ROAD TO DEBT:** There are as many as 23 payday loan shops in Chatham and Gillingham alone, says a councillor

laws to make it tougher for more of the lenders to open.

The Labour member is part of an all-party task group which recom-

mended the council actively inform the public of alternatives, such as the idea of credit unions.

The report says: "Access to afford-

able credit is not an abstract issue. It can impact on a wide set of strategic priorities, for example it could be disruptive to community cohesion, pub-

lic well being and homelessness."

It said the task group advocates the integration of financial education into the curriculum, financial literacy for all, and promoting timely access to appropriate and quality advice.

Medway Citizens Advice Bureau said the average person seeking their help is around £43,000 in debt.

Cllr Maple said: "We have plenty of support that shows some of these people are lending with no moral fibre and are having huge impact on people's lives.

"It seems they can charge whatever they like. We need alternatives and we have two excellent credit unions in Medway Credit Union and Kent Savers, both of which offer community-based co-operative financial services on saving and lending.

"We also need to ensure everyone in Medway has a good degree of financial literacy, too. We have seen some horror stories with some people thinking the higher the APR, the better value the loan.

"So if we have people with that level of understanding of the lending market, it is clear we need to get the message out to everyone in the area.

"They need help and we are looking to give support and guidance to everyone in every ward."

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## PERFORMANCE

# All aboard to join a voyage of creativity on disused lightship



**ARTIST:** Tom Beg has created the unusual light installation inside a decommissioned lightship

**By Chris Murphy**

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THE amazingly spectacular art of projection mapping will be used to bring a junkyard ship back to 'life'.

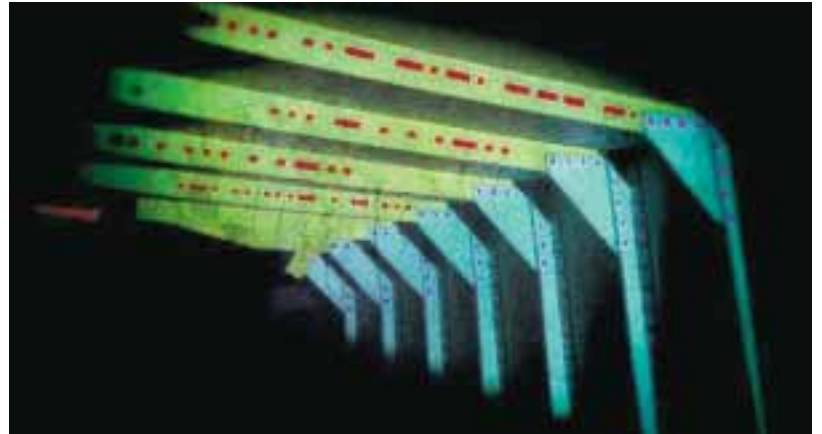
Projection mapping was seen recently at Buckingham Palace during the concert to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

It uses the architecture of the building, projecting images onto the brickwork to make the building look like it has come alive.

Now a student at the University for the Creative Arts in Rochester will use the technique on a decommissioned lightship, but on the inside. Once used as a lighthouse, the ship's light would warn other vessels of dangers under the surface.

Tom Beg is studying for a Masters in design for performance and events, and he wanted to create a visual art installation with a difference. The hi-tech installation will form part of this weekend's International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend to celebrate light communications, including Morse Code.

Tom plans to use the LV21 lightship, which is currently moored at Gillingham Pier.



**DAZZLE:** The lightshow (top) will be inside LV21

The 22-year-old from Ashford, said: "I'm excited about bringing the inside of a decommissioned ship to life. Projection mapping allows any surface or object to tell a story, so the possibilities are almost unlimited.

"I'm hoping to present the interior of a ship in a way that no-one has ever seen before. The features of a boat offer something different to what

you would usually expect from projection mapping, which has mostly been used on large scale buildings, such as Buckingham Palace."

Tom has been researching and developing his own projection mapping techniques during his Masters degree, and this project will be part of his final piece of coursework.

He said: "This project provides a natural conclusion to the techniques and research I've been developing over the past year.

"Having produced smaller scale projections, I wanted to develop something that gave these techniques a real purpose – artistically and commercially – which is why I'm proud it's part of a major international festival."

To see the result visit the pier between 10.30am and 4pm this weekend.

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## HERITAGE

# Rare chance to see hidden treasures of bridge chapel

By Chrissie Daniels

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HISTORIC buildings in Medway will be opening their doors to the public next month as part of the largest free heritage event in the country.

Heritage Open Days takes place from September 6-9 and aims to give everyone the chance to discover some local history.

Rochester Bridge Trust is among the organisations taking part in the scheme by offering visitors the rare opportunity to explore its bridge chamber and medieval chapel on the Esplanade.

The buildings will be open on September 8-9 and the trust, one of the oldest in the country, will be putting on guided tours – all for free.

Visitors will be able to explore the restored 14th century bridge chapel – one of only six still standing in the country – where travellers and pilgrims used to pray for a safe journey, and pray for the founders of the bridge and their families.

Inside the chapel, guests will be given a rare glimpse of the stained glass, plaques and a painting of the Raising



**HERITAGE:** Part of the table carved by Robert 'Mouseman' Thompson

of Lazarus attributed to the circle of Carlo Maratta. The chapel is also home to a council table and chairs made by the famous craftsman Robert 'Mouseman' Thompson.

The bridge chamber, dating from 1879, features maritime art by Isaac Sailmaker and a sketch of Rochester Bridge by the artist JMW Turner, who used to draw while walking along the River Medway.

Visitors will also get to see a collec-

tion of paintings of the bridge through the centuries.

Sue Threader, bridge clerk for the trust, said: "We are delighted to be able to take part in the Heritage Open Days and welcome visitors to explore our unusual offices and many of the gems from our collections which span so many centuries.

"The trust has existed since 1399 and our work is focused on maintaining the bridges the trust provides over the River Medway at Rochester and managing our assets to ensure we have the funds available to continue this work for the next 600 years and beyond.

"At the same time it is very important that we preserve and share with the public the history of this unique organisation."

Other Medway sites taking part in the event include Chatham Historic Dockyard, Rochester Castle, and the Guildhall Museum.

Rochester Bridge chapel and chamber will be open from 10am to 4pm. To find out more about the trust visit [www.rbt.org.uk](http://www.rbt.org.uk) or you can go to [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk) to find out more about the event.



**STAINED GLASS:** Visitors will be able to see the 14th century bridge chapel

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OPINION

# Participation is real gold medal

Now the London 2012 Olympic Games are over **Rehman Chishti** says it's more important than ever that we embrace their sporting legacy

LONDON 2012 has been a phenomenal success.

The organisation has been slick, the broadcasting world-class, and Team GB has produced some of the most sensational performances in history.

And we have the Paralympics in two weeks, which I'm sure will be just as inspirational.

Kent and Medway have also benefited from this success. Medway Park, in my constituency, hosted the athletic team from the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Egyptian boxing team. And it is hosting the British Transplant Games at the end of the month.

For me however, the end of the Games is only the start of our Olympic and Paralympic journey. Like most, I see the Games as a catalyst to inspire a generation into sport. That was what was so compelling about winning the bid in 2005.

Since being elected as the Member of Parliament for

Gillingham and Rainham, I have made it my personal mission to understand what is being done to make the most of the opportunity; what I have learnt, is that sport is doing a remarkable job but many myths still exist.

While the debate goes on about how to best deliver sport in school, the power of the School Games is taking effect. In its very first year 12,000 schools signed up and 100,000 children took part. A phenomenal achievement in such a short space of time.

While outdated views continue with the suggestion that playing fields are still being sold off at a detrimental rate, the Government is further progressing Sir John Major's vision for protecting playing fields.

In March it was announced that communities can now designate extra protection from development for green spaces of special significance. This is

in addition to Sport England's continued investment in playing fields – 109 pitches were created or upgraded in the last 12 months.

And while some question the capability of the sports themselves to cope with the sudden surge in interest, sport is capitalising on the Games' advert by running come-and-try events, introducing variations of their sport, and mobilising their clubs like never before.

Since the start of the Games, more than 250 people have been joining British Cycling every day, England Volleyball has reported an 850 per cent increase in traffic to its site, and several thousand people have played tennis at the live sites at Victoria Park and Hyde Park.

The sporting offer is more advanced and individualised than ever, which is why more than one million more people are playing sport once a week since



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**I see the Games as a catalyst to inspire a generation into sport**

the bid was won in 2005.

In Medway we have many excellent sporting facilities and opportunities. One of our particular achievements has been the Medway Mile, which is now going to continue for a seventh year after it attracted more than 3,000 participants.

It is true to say that enabling more children and young people into sport is still the greatest challenge, but from what I have seen we're on the right road.

Coming third in the medals table is impressive. Our next challenge should be to come top of the global sports participation table.

We're only at the start of the legacy journey but we know we can deliver; now everyone needs to work harder than ever to keep the momentum going.

**■ Rehman Chishti is the Conservative MP for Gillingham and Rainham**

## KOS COMMENT

Old story of increased fares for train travel

IT'S the same old story, year after year cash-strapped commuters face huge hikes in their rail fares.

This week, rail passengers were left fuming after it was announced hundreds of pounds would be added to their already expensive tickets.

It is disgraceful that some areas could face rises of up to 11 per cent, putting added pressure on families who are already struggling to make ends meet.

With high unemployment an issue all over the country, it is vital the people of Kent are able to travel to work in London at a reasonable price.

As pressure mounts on the Government to take action, only time will tell if anyone is actually listening.

Well done for A-levels

WELL done to all those students who received their A-level results this week.

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## Website won't change drivers

REFERENCING your 'read the road' article, August 12.

Having just had my cat killed on the road outside my house, a rural road in Waltham, in the same spot as my previous cat was killed last year, I see speeding drivers every day.

The campaign is well meaning no doubt. It's easy to chuck a few words on a website and report to the media you've done so, but it won't have any effect. You need to study the reasons and target the offenders.

A large part of the problem is delivery drivers who don't know the area and are on time schedules (the sooner they deliver the sooner they get home or the more they get paid). This has become more of an issue with the rise in internet shopping.

If you are selfish and have

no common sense, you are not likely to be contrite and feel guilty enough to go to this website to get advice.

The only way you will learn a lesson is at 60 miles an hour to hit a tree, a horse's backside or a child on a bicycle. If it is the latter and you survive, you may wish you hadn't.

**Mike Thompson, editor**  
**PAWNews, Waltham**

## Speed limits are too high

I RECENTLY drove to Yalding, via East Farleigh, on a route I used to travel regularly.

I was astonished to discover that a 50mph speed limit had been extended along a section of the road before vehicles have even left the village. It then continues almost to the sharp left bend with the right turn towards Teston, passing another 50mph sign fixed to the same post as a narrow road warning sign. Just before the bend the speed limit is

reduced to 40mph, but it would be irresponsible of any driver to attempt the bend at that speed.

Nevertheless, those who considered it appropriate to introduce the 50mph limit don't restrict the progress of the impatient driver for very long as it soon comes back into effect along this narrow country road around bends and along a section notorious for flooding.

Who approved this limit, when there is simply no justification? Why do those who control these matters allow themselves to be persuaded by the transport lobby into introducing wholly inappropriate limits along rural roads? The time to stop doing so is long overdue.

The authorities should be considering the introduction of reduced speed limits along such roads. That would be in the wider public interest and far more beneficial to all.

**Christopher Hudson-Gool,**  
**Maidstone**

## Better service is our priority

LIKE Cllr Isaac Igwe (Opinion, August 12), we are determined to see better services for people of working age with mental illness who are experiencing a crisis.

This is why a consultation on mental health crisis services is currently under way in Kent and Medway.

As well as further strengthening crisis care at home, we aim to develop centres of excellence, at Little Brook Hospital, Dartford; Priority House, Maidstone; and St Martin's Hospital, Canterbury, for those people who need time as an inpatient.

These centres will offer a highly expert, specialist service for those who cannot be looked after at home due to risk to themselves or others, or because their friends or family are no longer able to help.

Patients will be conveyed to

the centres where they will have more access to consultant psychiatrists, qualified nurses and therapists as well as single en suite rooms, and easy access to the outdoors.

Our analysis of demand shows that while the same number of beds as now – 35 – are needed for people from Medway, Sittingbourne and Sheppey (the current number of beds at Medway's A Block for people of working age), more beds are needed in east Kent, and fewer in west Kent. Under our plans, more patients will go to the centre for their area – improving the links with their community and crisis teams and helping them get home faster.

People from Medway would be inpatients in Little Brook, Dartford. We are consulting on which of the centres of excellence would be best for people from Sittingbourne and Sheppey; and also Swanley.

Read about it and have your say at [www.kmpt.nhs.uk/acute-mental-health-review](http://www.kmpt.nhs.uk/acute-mental-health-review) or

attend one of the meetings.

**Dr Rosarii Harte, assistant medical director for Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust, and Lauretta Kavanagh director of commissioning for mental health and substance misuse, NHS Kent and Medway**

## Cash or power for candidates?

IT seems that every time I read your paper there is a new candidate for the job of police and crime commissioner.

One wonders how many would be interested in the job if it paid just £20,000 a year, instead of £85,000 plus perks?

But then looking at some of the more wealthy candidates, money may not mean their first priority, just the power and influence is enough.

**Terry Hudson, Herne Bay**

## Sports still face cash cuts

TEAM GB's success in the Olympics has already stimulated an interest in sport.

Kent Green Party is concerned there may not be the future funds to sustain many local sports associations.

Local government supports sports associations with grants. But planned cuts in local government spending may diminish these. Local government has borne a disproportionate share of public expenditure cuts.

Michael Gove, Secretary of State for Education, tried to cut £162m from the school sports partnership in 2010 and was forced by public protest to retain £47m. But sports spending is too low, and is only guaranteed until 2016. The Government is also cutting funds for sixth form PE.

As Dame Kelly Holmes and other Olympic contestants have suggested, two-hour compulsory PE should be a minimum standard. This was dropped by Michael Gove.

So the Government is guilty of facing two ways: claiming it will up sports spending for schools which it has been cutting back; and threatening further cuts in local government spending which will reduce grants for sport.

The Coalition is quick to cut but slow to collect taxes from the wealthiest groups.

**Stuart Jeffery, Chair, Kent Green Party**

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## Punishing new tax policies could push French top-earners to Kent

By Nick Ames

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FRENCH businesses could be flocking to Kent after top-earners raised the alarm over stringent new tax laws aimed at cutting the country's deficit.

Investment from across the Channel in the county's business community is already growing and the punitive laws being introduced on high salaries by President Francois Hollande's left-of-centre administration is set to create a further influx.

The new French government is proposing tax changes that would see its country's highest earners facing a 75 per cent rate and scrapping tax breaks on overtime.

The UK is now seen as such an attractive destination for disillusioned French citizens that their numbers in London make it the equivalent of the sixth largest city in France, and Locate in Kent – which promotes investment in the county – says it is working hard to tap into that market.

This week a Paris law firm revealed it had been inundated with wealthy businessmen asking if they should leave France after President Hollande – the first socialist to hold power in France since Francois Mitterand in the 1980s



**RELOCATION:** A proposed 75 per cent tax on French earnings has prompted high-earners to look across the Channel

– vowed to impose the 75 per cent tax on income above one million euros.

His proposal will be debated when parliament resumes in September and he has vowed to reduce France's budget deficit from 4.5 per cent of the nation's gross domestic product to 3 per cent next year.

Vincent Grandil, partner of Altaxis, which specialises in tax law, admitted his company has been receiving concerned calls from high-earners since the announcement.

He told The New York Times: "Even young, dynamic people pulling in 200,000 euros are wondering whether to remain in a country where making money is not considered a good thing."

Because of its excellent transport

links by sea and rail, Kent is in prime position to take advantage of the Gallic exodus – with the advantage over London of lower property prices in both commercial and residential sectors.

Locate in Kent figures show that over the past five years 17 firms from France have relocated to Kent or reaffirmed their commitment to the county, compared with 12 from Germany.

"There are many reasons for these encouraging figures, not least that as an organisation we have been working hard to generate opportunities from northern Europe, and particularly France," said Paul Wookey, chief executive of Locate in Kent.

"We have formed a partnership with a French agency which assists us with lead generation in a particularly fruitful market, and we have targeted overseas trade exhibitions for sectors for which we believe Kent has a strong offer, such as wind energy in Germany and Denmark and life sciences in the US."

Over the past five years, foreign direct investment (fdi) overall has grown from 16 per cent of Locate in Kent's successes to 28 per cent.

In the last financial year, 21 overseas companies came to or expanded in Kent via the agency, creating or retaining 1,491 jobs, 46 per cent of all those cre-

ated or retained and the biggest number of fdi jobs for five years.

Wookey added that Locate in Kent had also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with UK Trade and Investment (UKTI), which gives it access to UKTI's database of companies interested in locating in the UK, allowing it to identify those for which Kent offers a compelling proposition and to approach them directly.

Successes other than the French investments include South African company Document Warehouse bringing 200 jobs to Ashford through its first foray into the UK and a German distribution company setting up in Medway with 23 jobs.

"It is important that we continue to generate fdi projects and convert them into success as figures show that on average they result in more jobs than UK-based companies investing in Kent," said Wookey.

"Last year, the average number of jobs created by fdi projects was 56 compared with 18 for UK successes. Over the past five years that average is 73 jobs for fdi projects, compared with 43 for UK projects.

"That is why we have put so much effort into our networks and are so encouraged by these latest figures."

### FOOD AND DRINK

## Crisps have good taste

KENT Crisps has won gold in the Great Taste Awards for the second year with its Ashmore cheese-and-onion crisps.

The awards are organised by the Guild of Fine Food to celebrate the UK's best speciality foods.

Judges commended the Ashmore cheese-and-onion flavour crisps for their "crisp texture" and "well-balanced, clean flavour".

Produced by Quex Foods in Birchington, using home-grown potatoes that are hand-cooked, Kent Crisps reflects the tastes and landscapes of the Garden of England.

Angie Curwen, managing director at Quex Foods, said: "This second award celebrates the quality of the Kent-grown potatoes used in each bag and the outstanding flavour of Cheesemakers of Canterbury's Cheddar-style Ashmore Cheese."



**IT'S CRUNCH TIME:** The award-winning Kent Crisps range

The Kent Crisps range includes another four flavours: roast beef and Spitfire ale; oyster and vinegar; sea salt; and sea salt and Biddenden cider vinegar.

Quex Foods also won a gold award for Quex Foods sunflower oil, which judges described as "delicate, nutty, seedy and warm, with a clean palate and finish".

The Great Taste Awards are the most trusted and recognised food and drink awards, with 350 experts judging which entries would

achieve the coveted gold standard.

Waitrose stores in Hythe, Tonbridge, Paddock Wood, Sevenoaks and Biggin Hill are set to stock Kent Crisps, joining Waitrose supermarkets at Dartford, Canterbury, Bluewater, Ramsgate and Ashford.

Curwen said: "Now more shoppers than ever can enjoy the great flavours of Kent Crisps. Using our own Kent potatoes, we create delicious snacks which celebrate the best flavours and producers."

### FIRM FORMATION

## Optimism grows in one town, with record number of new companies

GRAVESEND has set a record for company formations during the first six months of 2012, according to research by Duport.co.uk.

A total of 414 new businesses were formed in the town between January and June this year, setting a new record for the first six months of any year since records began. The previous local record of 366 new businesses was set in the first six months of 2010.

Peter Valaitis, managing director of Duport.co.uk, a leading UK company formation agent, said: "This is amazing news – the entrepreneurs of Gravesend are showing incredible resilience and optimism."

This comes on top of other positive stories about the Kent economy, with the unemployment rate falling

and fewer firms going into insolvency in June.

Smaller companies are leading the way with the fall in insolvency rates, as medium and large firms experienced an increase in the number of companies going bust.

Experian Business Information Services released the data. A spokesman said: "Although the overall figures for June show a fairly stable environment led by smaller firms, the higher insolvency rate at the top end of the business world will have an impact on the supply chain."

"When taking on new business, it is vital they start to monitor the health of both customers and suppliers."

"They can be in a better position to deal with the impact of another business's failure."

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## RECOGNITION

## Role models are inspiring women to go for success

THE winner of a prestigious annual accolade for talented businesswomen has talked about the importance of having coaching and being inspired by strong female role models.

Sevenoaks-based Amber Wilkinson, acting head of finance at AXA PPP healthcare, said she was "delighted and honoured" to win the 2012 Women In The City Future Leaders Award at a breakfast at Trinity House in London.

The award, sponsored by performance management organisation Eureka Learning, acknowledges the achievements and leadership potential of fast-track women in the early stages of their management career.

And shortly after being announced as the winner by Eureka Learning managing director Michele Edis, Wilkinson said coaching had helped her make significant progress in her own career.

She said: "I had a personal coach for a long time. I think it is so important. We have got mentors within our business and I have started mentoring people myself. I get huge pleasure out of developing our more junior employees."

Wilkinson also highlighted the importance of female role models in business: "I try to act as a role model in my own workplace and it is important that women have others they can look up to and be inspired by if they are to become future business-leaders themselves."

Edis said: "All of this year's candidates were exceptional and committed to investing in their personal and professional development. It was incredibly difficult to pick a winner from the short-list, but Amber is a truly outstanding individual and deserves the award."

"Eureka Learning is committed to helping people like Amber realise their leadership potential and I am delighted that she has talked about the importance of coaching in her development. "Engaging the services of a coach can be critical in helping career people make the right professional choices and strike the work-life balance to help them progress."

Wilkinson's prize for winning the award was a place on the Bedford-based Cranfield University School of Management's Accelerated Talent Development Programme for high-potential managers; it is worth some £12,500.

## Organisers preparing for loss as festival fails to hit previous highs

By Nick Ames

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MUSIC Festivals, the company behind the Hop Farm Festival, which this year featured Bob Dylan and Peter Dinklage, has said it expects to make a loss in 2012.

The Paddock Wood event has established itself as part of the UK's summer circuit and is aimed at older rock fans, with big-name acts from the 1960s, 70s and 80s frequently headlining. Last year, Prince, The Eagles, Lou Reed and former Smiths frontman Morrissey all played sets.

Music Festivals, which also owns the Feis Festival in London and Benicassim and Costa de Fuego events in Spain, said it had been hit by weaker-than-expected ticket sales.

The company, run by businessman Vince Power, admitted that artists such as Peter Dinklage, Ray Davies, Suede, Patti Smith and George Clinton had failed to draw the crowds to Kent, despite Glastonbury taking a break this year.

It added that Benicassim, which draws a younger crowd and focuses on indie rock, pop, rap and electronic music, made a profit but less than that recorded last year.

The statement read: "The group's two main festivals were held in July 2012 and as set out in the announcement dated July 3, 2012, tickets sales at that date led the directors to believe the Group's financial results for the year ending December 31, 2012, would be significantly lower than market expectations."



HOW DOES IT FEEL? Bob Dylan played the Hop Farm gig, which made a loss

"The group was particularly impacted by weaker than expected ticket sales at Hop Farm Music Festival which was loss-making. The Benicassim festival continued to be profitable but at a lower level than 2011."

"As a result, the group currently expects to report a material loss for the year ending December 31, 2012, and is exploring ways of raising additional working capital."

Staged for the first time in 2008, the Hop Farm event was nominated at the UK Festival Awards that year for Best New Festival. At the time, it was a 30,000-capacity festival centered on folk and independent music, with no sponsorship or branding. Children aged under 12 are still granted free entry.

In Music Festivals's latest annual results, to December 31, 2011, the

company saw pre-tax profits of £795,624 on revenues of £13m. Shares fell 20.8 per cent to 9.5 pence when the figures were announced.

There is better news for the company about two dates organised for Leonard Cohen. Tickets for Saturday, September 8, have now sold out for the singer-songwriter's appearance at A Day At The Hop Farm.

This follows the addition of a second date due to extraordinary demand on Sunday, September 9 – now the only tickets available.

Power said: "The demand has been overwhelming and it's fantastic to see the Saturday sell out. These will be Leonard Cohen's only UK dates this year and we're over the moon he's decided to play them here. Sunday tickets are selling fast, so fans need to get them while they can."

## AWARDS



## Double recognition for website provider

BEARSTED-BASED GForces, the automotive web and software firm, has picked up a number of prestigious industry awards this month.

The firm first scooped the Best Website accolade at the Motor Trader Awards and, just days later, Best Web Design For Franchised Dealers in the Car Dealer Power awards.

The Best Website honour was given for the site built and maintained by GForces for Lookers, the UK's fifth-largest car-dealer group.

GForces also had several products highly commended. The awards ceremony was organised by industry magazine Motor Trader and took place at Grosvenor House Hotel in London; it was compered by Jake Humphrey, presenter of the BBC's F1 coverage.

The company also won the Best Web Design For Franchised Dealers award from Car Dealer Magazine in Portsmouth's Spinnaker Tower.

Tim Smith, GForces commercial director, said: "It's always good to see our efforts rewarded. What we produce as a company is testament to our staff, who strive to deliver true innovation in digital marketing and deliver the highest quality of service to our clients."

"We're proud of just how talented [the] GForces team is. These awards shine a light on the quality of talent being produced in Kent."

Lookers group managing director Andy Bruce said: "Our website is one of the largest and most complex in the industry. For it to remain so clear, concise, usable and effective at marketing the Lookers brand online demonstrates the huge efforts and abilities of GForces, and the quality of our collaboration with them."

"As a company, they continually push the boundaries of online automotive marketing, in turn prompting us to do likewise. They are a real asset as a partner to our business."

## Enjoy tax advantaged, not avoidance

WITH the spotlight continuing to focus on tax avoidance – after the dealings of celebrities such as Jimmy Carr hit the headlines – financial advisers at Crowe

Clark Whitehill have suggested it's a case of buyer beware when it comes to cutting tax.

The Treasury is looking to secure the maximum tax revenues in its bid to bring the public deficit under control.

As a result, the call has gone out to HMRC to tighten up a number of schemes, according to Julian Hanrahan, independent financial adviser at Crowe Clark Whitehill, a leading national firm offering audit, tax and advisory services, with offices in Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone.

Hanrahan said: "The public should know that everyone providing tax advice in the UK is well aware of HMRC's view of such strategies."



TIP: Julian Hanrahan

"This has been reinforced through the courts in a series of defeats for the taxpayer, or rather tax-avoider. The taxman is strongly clamping down on strategies that seek to exploit a Government-endorsed tax relief in such a way to increase the benefit of the relief beyond

what was intended by Parliament. "The adage 'If it looks too good to be true, it probably is' is particularly appropriate at the moment, and members of the public looking to improve their tax planning need to take

expert advice. When it comes to tax planning, the answer is tax advantaged, not tax avoidance."

Crowe Clark Whitehill Financial Planning has adopted an approach that introduces its clients to certain tax-advantaged products, such as Enterprise Investment Schemes (EIS) and Venture Capital Trusts (VCT).

Hanrahan said: "Part of our extensive due diligence undertaken before recommending such investments is to ensure that, wherever possible, advance assurance has been sought and obtained from HMRC."

"Tax schemes viewed as contentious, aggressive or simply 'too good to be true' are rejected to secure an assurance on the tax effect of the investment. It is our job to highlight the tax risks and to ensure our clients are able to make an informed decision."

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## Training, courses and careers

### Special open day to mark college's 65th birthday

THE rich 65-year history of Canterbury College is being celebrated in a special open day.

The Lord Mayor of Canterbury, NUS representatives, alumni and local VIPs will be among those remembering its origins as an engineering and mining college, and exploring the New Dover Road campus's range of current facilities and courses.

The organisers are laying on guided tours of the new campus, including a walk through a small exhibition of photos and press cuttings about college life from the 1940s and 1950s to the present day.

Even the food hall will be stepping back in time to deliver 1940s cuisine, and musicians will be performing tunes from the era. There will also be a traditional old school sports day on the college green featuring events from yesteryear so long as the weather holds out.

The college's recent run of achievements will also be featured in the festivities. A trophy presentation will take place for the students' union which recently won Best FE Students' Union at the NUS Awards, and more organisations will be signing up to the community covenant between the college and Armed Forces, pledging to work together for the benefit of their communities.

It all started in 1947 when Canterbury College opened as an institute specialising in engineering, building and mining at Longport – just a few hundred yards away from the New Dover Road site it now calls home. In 1964, the 2,000 students and staff moved to the College's current location, into a building that had taken three years to complete and cost £465,000.

Now it is one of the largest in the country with 10,000 students and 500-plus courses.

The open day is on August 29.

### Keep the sound of music going at secondary school

CHILDREN playing music tends to stop when they move from primary to secondary school, but Kent Music is determined to keep the flame alight.

It said it wants to help parents ensure children carry their interest in music throughout their education, rather than giving up at age 11.

Teaching development manager Richard Davenport said: "There is a large drop out when children move up from primary school and Kent Music is keen to support projects and programmes that keep young people playing as they reach secondary school and encourage new students to start when they arrive."

He said it was important for parents to be aware of all the different ways that 11 to 18-year-olds could take part in music in and out of school. Parents also needed to make their own commitment to pick up children who attend after-school rehearsals.

"We want to work together with parents to make sure that each child, no matter what their personal circumstances may be, has the chance to fulfil their musical potential," said Richard.

"Parents should check with the school's head of music or visit the Kent Music website to find out about the huge range of musical opportunities available."

For more information visit [www.kent-music.com](http://www.kent-music.com) or call 01622 691212.

# Bluewater's Learning Shop offers a start to a career in world of retail



**RETAIL DEVELOPMENT:** Student Adrian Rock, 22, from Dartford who is a customer service apprentice for Mr Simms Olde Sweet Shoppe in Bluewater, and Ben Gay, centre manager at The Learning Shop. More positions are expected to be created with the expansion of the Greenhithe shopping centre

BLUEWATER shopping centre has announced a major 20 per cent expansion plan that could create some 1,000-plus jobs.

So what better way to get in to retail than to visit the Learning Shop.

It is part of North West Kent College and based at Bluewater itself.

The shop offers a new Level 1 course in retail from September, aiming to help young people start their future and get job ready.

The college said it delivers professional training, development, recruitment and business solutions and has an 80 per cent success rate

of students getting jobs.

There is a range of courses designed to help students gain the qualifications and experience they need to progress into employment or education.

The new Level 1 course is an ideal stepping stone for young people to progress onto the Level 2 and 3 Diplomas offered in Fashion Retail.

It is also highly beneficial to young people who do not know which career direction to take, as the course will prepare students by giving them employability skills and confidence. Students will learn retail knowledge, CV writing, inter-

view techniques, customer service skills, team work, and how first impressions count.

Ben Gay, centre manager at the Learning Shop, said: "We're here because a lot of young people know that they want to work but often don't know where to start, and that's where we come in."

Tracy-Anne Lane, commercial services manager, said: "If a student is willing and motivated, we can get them in front of a potential employer."

"There are jobs out there and we can help our students get them."

The Learning Shop has excellent

local business links that can help put their students into work experience placements.

They have worked closely with the EllenorLions Hospice, other local charities and Darent Valley Hospital, which has given their students valuable experience that they will need to help find a job.

The student places for this course are expected to be sought after, so get in touch while they remain available. For more information call The Learning Shop on 01322 624 445 or email [learningshop@nwkclege.ac.uk](mailto:learningshop@nwkclege.ac.uk) or visit [www.nwkclege.ac.uk](http://www.nwkclege.ac.uk).

## Qualification will be a real home help

A QUALIFICATION on how to run a home and maintain a tenancy is being piloted in Tunbridge Wells.

It is the first national qualification that teaches individuals the skills they need and it could be rolled out nationally.

Town and Country Housing Group's 'Home-Wise Tenancy Training Programme' is aimed at anyone aged 16 years or over living in supported housing, a hostel or foyer, or who are threatened with homelessness.

It can help others already in social or private-rented housing struggling to maintain a tenancy.

The Chartered Institute of Housing has

partnered with the Open College Network to develop this new qualification framework, and Town and Country is the first housing association in the UK to run the free eight-week programme that meets the new accreditation standards.

It runs every Thursday night at YMCA Ryder House Hostel.

Sheena Field, who helped put it together, said: "In my experience of working with young people I have found that they are often lacking in the basic skills and knowledge required to manage a home or sustain a tenancy."

"Quite simply, they are totally unprepared for independent living."

"With the highest proportion of social housing

allocation going to single young women with children – this particular group are often coping with a new family, new home and a great deal of new responsibilities that they are not equipped or trained to deal with."

Jackie Sumner, head of community investment at Town & Country said taking young people through the qualification also made economic sense: "The cost of an eviction can be as much as £15,000, this isn't necessarily about the qualification; what it gives us is the reassurance that the tenancy is going to be sustainable. This qualification fits in with our commitment to help people maintain their tenancies and then provide them with support to move into sustainable employment."



## Schools & education

### Student architect Jeffrey scoops major international design award

A PROMISING new architect has laid the foundation stones to a great career after winning a major international prize.

Jeffrey Adjei is studying for his graduate diploma in architecture at UCA Canterbury.

He saw off hundreds of entrants from 26 countries to win the Design for Adaptable Futures ideas contest.

The 25-year-old said: "I'm surprised and very grateful to win this. It feels great to have my work recognised in this

way and will give me the motivation and confidence I need going into the final year of my degree in September."

The Adaptable Futures research centre staged the contest, asking students to create a sustainable proposal which illustrated how the life of their design would unfold over time, be that an hour, day, decade, or century.

Jeffrey's winning proposal focused on the social structures within a community space. It

featured the concept of self-building and looked extensively at a continual collaborative process by linking the community with a vast network of charity and government organisations.

He said: "With the site for my project being located in my home town, this project was very personal to me."

"It felt like a unique opportunity for me to represent the best way to improve my local community."

### Youngsters take their first steps on road to a career in film-making

TOP film-makers make millions, but they have to start somewhere. Many studied at colleges, and now aspiring film-makers in Kent are hoping to follow in the footsteps of Hollywood legends.

They have made their own science fiction series at a summer school organised by the University for the Creative Arts.

More than 30 schoolchildren aged 15-17 took part in a free two-week project at UCA Rochester and put together a trio of short films.

BBC producer Sam Supple and Spitting Image star Steve Nallon taught workshops including acting, scriptwriting and directing, while Nirpal Bhogal, director of E4's hit series Misfits, was guest of honour at the film premiere.

Each episode of the sci-fi series Mechanical Me, which explores Medway's secret past of android development, is to be put on YouTube.

Director Nirpal Bhogal said: "This summer school is a fantastic idea and a great way for young people to have their first taste of film-making."

"It's so easy for people to watch TV or film and think they could do better, but most don't understand the limitations involved."

"Part of the journey of becoming a film-maker



**ACTION:** Students learned technical skills

is learning what you can do with the resources you have and this project is great at teaching this at a really young age."

And student Chris Spice added: "I really enjoyed the project and I'm pleased with how it all turned out, considering we're all young and relatively inexperienced film-makers – it looks as though we've made a really professional film."

Fellow student Edward Smyth said: "All three episodes turned out really well. We had some creative difficulties at times but overall it was good, enjoyable, interesting, funny and at times serious – so, a really good mix."

### Beauticians offered nail manicure training to meet growing demand

A MAJOR import from the USA has taken such a hold in Kent that one college is now running courses to cope with the demand for nail bar staff.

MidKent College said it has seen a major increase in the number of high street nail bars.

So it has now opened new opportunities for students. The beauty sector led growth in independent stores saw a 16 per cent rise in the number of nail bars in our towns.

That's according to a survey of 500 town centres by the Local Data Company.

Seeing a need to help provide qualified and experienced staff, MidKent College is now inviting prospective students to take advantage of the extra jobs by enrolling on the Level 2 Diploma in Nail Services course.

Lecturer Karen Birtwistle said: "New nail bars are opening all the time so this is the perfect opportunity to learn job skills relevant to the industry."

"The Level 2 Diploma will mostly appeal to mature students who want to retrain so they can work in a salon or for themselves, but also to younger students who don't want to enrol on the full beauty therapy course."

Available at both the Medway and Maidstone campuses, the Diploma in Nail Services teaches skills including nail art, pedicures, manicures, and more.

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**INDEPENDENT** 46yr old brunette, genuine, honest, seeks cooking, theatre, seeks similar-minded N/S male for friendship, maybe more.  
**Tel no: 0906 500 5994**  
**Box no: 3X3X3X**

**PRETTY** 50's lady, medium build, friendly, likes socialising, meals out and gardening, WLTW single male for TLC and companionship.  
**Tel no: 0906 500 5994**  
**Box no: 3X9X6X**

**MATURE** male seeks sweet-hearted female to share my life with. Must have GSOH and looking to enjoy life.  
**Tel no: 0906 500 5994**  
**Box no: 3X6X8X**

**KIND-HEARTED** genuine lady, WLTW romantic gentleman over 50yrs for long term relationship.  
**Tel no: 0906 500 5994**  
**Box no: 3X1X0X**

**30YR** old lady, fit, blonde, easygoing, slim, likes sports, long walks and cinema, seeking honest and similar-minded male for friendship, maybe more.  
**Tel no: 0906 500 5994**  
**Box no: 3X6X9X**

**NICOLA** fashionable 40's female, outgoing, fun to be with, likes nights out, looking for older male for fun and friendship.  
**Tel no: 0906 500 5994**  
**Box no: 3X9X5X**

**INTELLIGENT** male, dark hair, no ties, enjoys life, searching for attractive female for friendship and good times.  
**Tel no: 0906 500 5994**  
**Box no: 3X6X8X**

**EASYGOING** attractive black lady, charismatic, seeking single male for socialising and lots of TLC.  
**Tel no: 0906 500 5994**  
**Box no: 3X9X9X**

**FUN** young female, adventurous and friendly, likes nights out, keeping fit, seeks honest and easygoing male for ongoing relationship.  
**Tel no: 0906 500 5994**  
**Box no: 3X9X4X**

**CARING** easygoing, divorced, likes nights in and out, seeks similar-minded female for friendship, maybe more.  
**Tel no: 0906 500 5994**  
**Box no: 3X6X8X**

**CHARMING** lady seeks older male for friendship, maybe more, friendly and Pretty. Must have caring GSOH and looking to enjoy life.  
**Tel no: 0906 500 5994**  
**Box no: 3X6X8X**

**OUTGOING  
CV**

Passionate CV seeks adventurous companion to share fun times and more. Self-assured and very good experience. WLTW like-minded partner for ongoing relationship. The perfect match must be good conversationalist, forward thinking and going places.

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**FEMALE** 60, looking for my soul mate. WLTW a kind, caring gentleman 60-70 for long term companionship.  
**Tel no: 0906 500 5994**  
**Box no: 388979**

**EDUCATED** 35 year old male, well travelled seeking honest female for caring relationship and socialising.  
**Tel no: 0906 500 5994**  
**Box no: 381783**

**VIVACIOUS** adventurous woman looking for older male convenient, friendly and more. S unimportant.  
**Tel no: 0906 500 5994**  
**Box no: 388977**

**CATHERINE** 30 slim attractive lady fun to be with, single male/dad of TLC companionship.  
**Tel no: 0906 500 5994**  
**Box no: 390611**

**ADVENTUROUS** woman, easygoing, likes walks, nig cooking. W honest.  
**Tel no: 0906 500 5994**  
**Box no: 3X6X8X**

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## PUBLIC/ COMMUNITY APPOINT

### Career opportunities at MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:

#### Lecturer in Hair Ref: P0354

Salary: £26,336 - £30,118 per annum (dependent on qualifications and experience) Medway Campus, 37 hours per week

We are looking to recruit a passionate individual to teach assess and contribute to the development of Hair Design programmes on Levels 1 to 3, in a very busy department with high achievement rates. The applicant must have a relevant vocational/academic qualification and should hold or be willing to work towards a teaching qualification. Recent industry experience would be advantageous.

#### Lecturer in Beauty, Part-time, Fixed Term, Maternity Cover Ref: P0367

Salary: £26,336 - £30,118 pro rata (dependent on qualifications and experience) Medway Campus, 18.5 hours per week

The College is currently looking to recruit a dynamic and enthusiastic Lecturer in the Beauty Department to deliver high quality training and assessment procedures to full and part time learners. The applicants must have a relevant vocational/academic qualification and have or be willing to work towards a teaching qualification. Recent industry experience would be advantageous.

#### Hourly paid Lecturer in Beauty Therapy Ref: SESS

Hourly rate £23.44 - £27.22 (dependent on qualifications and experience) Medway Campus

The College is currently looking to recruit a dynamic and enthusiastic Lecturer in the Beauty Department to deliver high quality training and assessment procedures to full and part time learners for the new course in Body Art, starting in September 2012, and leading to the Diploma in Hair and Media Make-up at Level 2. The applicants must have a relevant vocational/academic qualification, have or be willing to work towards a teaching qualification, and have Beauty Make-up and Body Art practical experience. Recent industry experience would be advantageous.

#### Hourly Paid Lecturer in Catering and Hospitality Ref: SESS

Hourly Rate: £22.45 - £27.22 per hour (Dependent on Qualifications and Experience) Medway Campus

We are looking to appoint a passionate and creative individual to teach on a variety of practical catering qualifications, facilitating student learning and achievement. The applicants must have a relevant vocational/academic qualification. The post holder will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. Recent industry experience is essential.

#### Hourly-paid Lecturer in Maths Ref: SESS

Hourly rate: £23.44 - £31.10 (dependent on qualifications and experience) Maidstone Campus

We are looking for a knowledgeable and experienced candidate to deliver the one-year Maths A Level programme. The successful candidate will have the ability to motivate students and be flexible and adaptable in their teaching methods. The applicants must have a relevant academic qualification and have a teaching qualification.

**Closing date: 23 August 2012, 12 noon**

For an application pack and further details visit [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk) or e mail [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively you may contact Human Resources on 01634 383102.

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.



## Swale Academies Trust



### Westlands School

Westlands Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 1PF

## PART TIME CATERING ASSISTANT

To work in a busy school kitchen  
Required for September

10 hours per week - 39 weeks per year  
12.00 - 2.00 daily  
Hourly rate: £6.75 - £7.38

Food preparation/cooking experience and a basic food hygiene certificate preferred, but if you have a positive attitude, good practical skills and are willing to work, we will teach you.

Recruitment packs are available from Westlands School or online ([www.westlands.org.uk](http://www.westlands.org.uk)). Please note, we cannot accept CVs without an application form. Closing date: Friday 23 August 2012

Swale Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced CRB check.

#### Contact Details

Tel: 01795 477475 Fax: 01795 479461

Email [swa@westlands.kent.sch.uk](mailto:swa@westlands.kent.sch.uk)

Trust Principal: Mr J Whitcombe MA

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Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 1JS



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Salary £15725 per annum (pro rata)

Closing date: Midday 28th Aug

Interviews: w/c 3rd Sept

An application form & further details can be located on the school's website [www.doyrms.com](http://www.doyrms.com), emailing [reception@doyrms.com](mailto:reception@doyrms.com) or 01304 245023. CV's will not be accepted.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Candidates must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post including checks with past employers and an Enhanced Disclosure via the Criminal Records Bureau.

## PUBLIC/ COMMUNITY APPOINT



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Bradstow is a creative and unique residential school for children between the ages of 5 & 19. It is situated in 13 acres of parkland just a few hundred metres from the sandy beaches of Broadstairs. We seek to meet the needs of children and young people with autism and severe learning difficulties with associated behaviours that may be challenging. We have achieved national recognition for our developments in Communication and Behaviour Management.

### CHILDCARE SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

As part of the childcare team, these roles involve providing care and support to students mornings, evenings and weekends.

£11,128 plus 10% per annum - 36.5 hours per week, (including weekends) - Term time only, plus 2 weeks\*

### LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS (TEAM SUPPORT WORKERS - EDUCATION)

The successful applicants will be responsible for assisting teachers in the school.

£12,689 per annum - 37½ hours per week, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Mon-Fri - Term time only, plus 2 weeks\*

### INDIVIDUAL LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

The successful applicants will be responsible for assisting teachers in the classrooms and have a particular responsibility towards one teaching group.

£10,365 per annum - 34 hours per week, 9:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Mon-Fri - Term time only, plus two weeks\*

\*For these roles there will also be up to a maximum of two weeks for the school's respite care provision if required, for which extra payment would be paid.

For all posts we look for candidates who are mature, warm, creative and open to learning with a patient and caring attitude to deal sensitively with vulnerable children.

We are committed to sustainability and preserving the environment and therefore encourage applications by email, so for an application form and information pack please email [personnel@bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:personnel@bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk)

Or you may call 01843 608727 (24 hour recruitment answer machine).

Please note that CV's will not be considered.

The closing date for all applications is 12 noon Thursday 30th August 2012.



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The successful candidates must be excellent teachers who share our passion for success and who take a proactive approach in promoting and developing the courses within the Faculty.

**Closing Date: 12 noon on 23 August 2012**

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**Hourly Paid Learning Support Assistants Ref: LSA01**

Hourly Rate: £9.38 per hour, variable hours. Medway & Maidstone Campus

The College is looking to recruit Learning Support Assistants to support students throughout the department in the implementation of additional needs. The ideal candidate will have the ability to work in a manner to support the changing needs of students ensuring differentiation is implemented within the classroom and have experience of supporting young adults with a range of learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

**Closing date: 23rd August 2012, 12 noon.**

For an application pack and further details visit [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk) or e mail [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively you may contact Human Resources on 01634 383102. The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure.

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PLANNING

Planning applications



Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995  
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990  
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990  
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA/12/00950/FUL: Land to rear of 77 New Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3DZ Erection of dwelling; formation of new vehicular access to New Dover Road. Applicant: Kent Property Management Services Ltd Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01128/FUL: West Cottage, Grows Camp Road, Bishopscourne, CT4 5JB Erection of replacement garage and handstanding. (Retrospective). Applicant: Mr Caldwell Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01144/FUL: 12 Daniels Court, Whitstable, CT5 1ET Third-floor extension to corner turret and extension to northwest elevation to provide lift to all floors. Applicant: Mr Sundin Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01169/FUL: Folly Farm, Headcorn Drive, Canterbury, CT2 7FF Demolition of existing farm buildings, erection of four dwellings with associated garaging, conversion of existing outbuilding to car-port and formation of new access from Kensing Gardens, (Resubmission). Applicant: Robert Brett & Sons Ltd Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.

CA/12/01222/FUL: 20 Herne Street, Herne, CT6 7HQ Conversion of existing public house (Use Class A4) to four flats (Use Class C3). Applicant: Adam & Gussy Ltd Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01229/FUL: 49A Castle Street, Canterbury, CT1 2PY Change of use of ground floor from Use Class A1 (retail) to Use Class A2 (professional and financial services). Applicant: Leydon Lettings Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01231/LB: 49A Castle Street, Canterbury, CT1 2PY Retention of internal alterations to listed building in association with change of use. Applicant: Leydon Lettings Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA/12/01265/FUL: 10 Daniels Court, Whitstable, CT5 1ET Replacement balustrade to balcony. Applicant: Dr Kitson Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01293/FUL: 28 Harbour Street, Whitstable, CT5 1AH Single-storey extension to rear. Applicant: Mr Brown Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01333/ADV: The Beaneby Institute, High Street and 14/15 Best Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2RA Illuminated wall-mounted sign on Best Lane elevation. Applicant: Canterbury Museums and Galleries (CCC) Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.

CA/12/01358/FUL: 17 Tankerton Road, Whitstable, CT5 2AB Erection of new garage block. Applicant: Mr and Mrs Pywell Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01360/FUL: Anester Cottage, London Road, Harbledown, CT2 9AN Erection of two-storey detached dwelling and detached garage. Applicant: Mr Baker Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01364/FUL: Ground Floor Flat, 4 Beacon Road, Herne Bay, CT6 6DH Demolition of conservatory and erection of single-storey extension to rear and replacement windows to ground floor. Applicant: Mr Fisher Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01369/FUL: 183 Old Dover Road, Canterbury, CT1 3EP Erection of replacement conservatory to rear of dwelling. Applicant: Ms Kahol Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01372/LB: Ileden Farm House, Ileden Lane, Kingston, CT4 6HP Single-storey extension to farmhouse, internal alterations, alterations to outbuilding and landscaping. Applicant: Mr Steel Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA/12/01379/FUL: 29-30 Wadling Street, Canterbury Change of use of first floor from offices (Use Class B1) to education (Use Class D1). Applicant: Kumon Education Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01381/LB: Whitelocks Barn, The Street, Kingston, CT4 6JQ Installation of a pair of French doors and side lights concealed by wooden shutters. Applicant: Mr M Ball Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA/12/01383/FUL: 69-71 High Street, Whitstable, CT5 1AY First-floor extension and external alterations to facilitate conversion of existing first-floor unit into self-contained one bedroom flat. Applicant: Mr M Malone Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01388/LB: 92B Broad Street, Canterbury, CT1 2LU Addition of five slate roof vents to the south elevation. Applicant: Mr J Barton Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA/12/01395/FUL: 1 Great Pett Oast, Pett Hill, Bridge, CT4 5AN Single-storey rear extension, (Resubmission). Applicant: Mr and Mrs Shirley Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01399/ADV: Marlowe Arcade, Canterbury Replacement signage consisting of illuminated and non-illuminated signs. Applicant: Henderson Global Investors Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01400/ADV: Longmarket Square, Canterbury Replacement of side panels on existing totem located in Longmarket Square. Applicant: Henderson Global Investors Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01401/ADV: Clock Tower Square, Canterbury Erection of replacement non-illuminated signs. Applicant: Henderson Global Investors Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01402/ADV: Whitefriars, Canterbury Erection of replacement illuminated and non-illuminated signs. Applicant: Henderson Global Investors Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01404/LB: St Philip Howard RC Primary School, Avenue Road, Herne Bay, CT6 8TF External redecoration to front elevation (facing north) and repairs to existing timber windows and window moulding. Applicant: Trustees of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA/12/01408/FUL: Payphone, Bullockstone Road, Herne, CT6 7NN Erection of replacement telephone kiosk. Applicant: BT Payphones Planning Office Reason: Conservation area.

CA/12/01413/LB: 14 St Dunstan's Terrace, Canterbury, CT2 8AX Internal alterations including reinstatement of fireplaces and cupboards and installation of window to shower room. Applicant: Ms D Holbrook Reason: Work to a listed building.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to [development.management@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:development.management@canterbury.gov.uk) to arrive on or before Monday 10 September 2012.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: [www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc)

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration  
Friday 17 August 2012

PLANNING



TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990  
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
6. This application may be of wider public interest.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 03 SEPTEMBER 2012

SW/12/0374: Excavation of agricultural production land to create 2 reservoirs for the purpose of agricultural irrigation and erection of two screening mounds 2.5 metres in height - South Leas Farm, Lower Road, MINSTER; REASONS 3 & 6

SW/12/0821 & SW/12/0822: Structural repairs to south end wall, re-introduction of missing corridor wall, strengthening of first floor ceiling beam and attic floor, introduction of attic stair and alterations to attic to form two storage spaces with two new conservation rooflights to rear roof slope, repairs/renewals to front door and bay window, including replacement of incorrect mouldings - 17 Abbey Street, FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/12/0876: Ground floor fireplace extension with attached log store, a covered way and a two storey store to side of existing dwelling - Redborough Barn, Stalisfield Green, STALISFIELD; REASON 1

SW/12/0915: Creation of access and outbuilding - Green Farm, Stalisfield Green, STALISFIELD; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/12/0947: Construction of open sided canopy to cover patio at rear of house - 24 Priory Road, FAVERSHAM; REASON 1

SW/12/0953: Change of use of garage to habitable room for dependent relative and new shed - Paddock View, Staple Street, HERNHILL; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/12/0985 & SW/12/0986: Change of use of No. 9 West Street to Class C1 Hotel use (including new doorway and hatch between No. 10 and No. 9 West Street). Change of Use of No. 9a West Street to Class C Hotel Use (including minor internal alteration works/new doorway between No. 9a and No. 10 West Street). Works to inner courtyard/yard areas within No. 10 - Sun Inn, 10 West Street, FAVERSHAM; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/12/0992: Retrospective consent for wooden structure to be used as a smoking shelter - Three Hats, 93 High Street, Milton Regis, SITTINGBOURNE; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/12/0994: Proposed new window to north east elevation and a pair of doors to replace existing single door to north west elevation - 2A Jubilee Way, FAVERSHAM; REASON 1

SW/12/0997: Listed Building Consent to complete demolition of timber/glass/plastic lean-to to rear of building - Ye Olde Century, Hogens Hill, SELLING; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/12/1035: Remodelling of existing car park to provide improved visitor and disabled parking and landscaping; relocation of bus terminus, extension to car park. (Renewal of planning permission SW/06/0896). - Land at Kemsley Mill, Kemsley, SITTINGBOURNE; REASON 3

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman  
Head of Planning

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010  
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

KCC/DO/0292/2012 - Proposed development at Richborough Hall, Ramsgate Road, Richborough, Sandwich, Kent, CT13 9NN.

T W Services is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for Section 73 application to vary condition 9 of planning permission DO/03/477 for the variation of hours of operation to allow vehicle movements related to Local Authority waste collection services on Bank and Public Holidays.

You may view this application at Dover District Council, Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ.

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010 AND UNDER THE PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

KCC/TW/0151/2012 - Proposed development at Land south of Rolvenden Road, Benenden, Kent, TN17 4DN.

I give notice that further information has been received amending and amplifying application KCC/TW/0151/2012 submitted by Kent County Council Property & Infrastructure Support to Kent County Council (as the County Planning Authority) for planning permission for the erection of new Primary School building with associated hardcourt play areas, access, parking and landscaping and re-profiling and landscaping of residual land to return to pasture.

The proposed development (as amended and amplified) does not accord with the provisions of the Development Plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated. The proposed development (as amended and amplified) is close to the Benenden Conservation Area and is likely to affect its character and/or appearance. It may also affect the setting of nearby Listed Buildings. The proposed development (as amended and amplified) affects three Public Rights of Way (WC325, WC326 and WC327).

You may view this application (as amended and amplified) at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, 8 Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2AB. Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at [www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications](http://www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications) or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to [planning.applications@kent.gov.uk](mailto:planning.applications@kent.gov.uk) or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the District/Borough Council website.

Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 24 OF DETERMINATION OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

I give notice that on 19 July 2012 Kent County Council granted planning permission for Section 73 application for minor-material amendment to planning permission DO/10/954 - Waste Processing Developments - Site B.

Re-orientation of soil washing plant; revisions to layout for lorry parking; provision of portacabin for office/staff facilities in place of permanent building as approved; siting of additional portacabin for mess facilities; alterations to weighbridge office building; alterations to aggregate storage bays at Site B - Land North of Stevens & Carlotti, Ramsgate Road, Richborough, Sandwich, Kent, CT13 9ST (Ref: DO/12/413).

Members of the public may inspect free of charge copies of the application, the environmental statement (and reconsideration of relevant parts of the ES) and the Planning Permission at Dover District Council, Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ or at the offices of the Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX.

Sharon Thompson  
Head of Planning  
Applications Group  
Kent County Council  
Dated: 19th August 2012



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## PLANNING

## THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL Town and Country Planning Act Notice of Applications

**MA/12/0588/S** - LITTLE CHEVENEY FARM, SHEEPHURST LANE, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9NX - Retention of wood pellet storage unit. **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/0589/S** - LITTLE CHEVENEY FARM, SHEEPHURST LANE, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9NX - An application for listed building consent for Retention of wood pellet storage unit. **Reason: 3**

**MA/12/0599/N** - 70, UNION STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1ED - Replacement of Timber front windows with UPVC. **Reason: 1 & 2**

**MA/12/0600/N** - 70, UNION STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1ED - Listed building consent application for the replacement of timber front windows with UPVC. **Reason: 3**

**MA/12/0938/S** - WELL COTTAGE, BENOVER ROAD, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6AS - Erection of a replacement garage. **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/1270/S** - CRADDUCKS LANE YARD SPILLS HILL FARM, CRADDUCKS LANE, STAPLEHURST, MAIDSTONE, KENT, TN12 0DN - Erection of a new livestock building. **Reason: 6**

**MA/12/1280/S** - WEALD GARDENS LAND OPPOSITE FAIRFIELDS, MAIDSTONE ROAD, STAPLEHURST, KENT, TN12 0RH - Change of use of land from agriculture to land for the keeping of horses for recreational purposes and the erection of stables, tack room, feed store and formation of a new vehicular access. **Reason: 6**

**MA/12/1284/S** - 2, ELVEYS COTTAGES, HIGH STREET, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6HY - Erection of single storey side extension (to front of existing attached garage) and conversion of garage to habitable rooms. **Reason: 2**

**MA/12/1310/S** - WHEELWRIGHTS, HUNTON HILL, HUNTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0QX - Conversion of barn to a dwelling. **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/1343/N** - THE OAK ON THE GREEN, THE STREET, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4EJ - Erection of single storey extension. **Reason: 1 & 2**

**MA/12/1367/S** - BRAMLEY ORCHARD, CLAYGATE ROAD, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6BD - Conversion and extension of existing detached garage to form annexe accommodation. **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/1369/N** - COURT FARM, YELSTED LANE, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT, ME9 7UT - Erection of first floor extension and conversion of garage to additional living accommodation (resubmission of MA/11/1331). **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/1374/S** - THE OAST HOUSE, ELY COURT, GOUDHURST ROAD, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0HB - Change of use of redundant Oast House to three bedroom dwelling and adjacent land to residential use. **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/1380/S** - WARES FARM PACKHOUSE, REDWALL LANE, LINTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4BB - Erection of extension to existing building to provide ancillary storage and staff facilities for the existing packhouse (amendment to rear extension approved under application MA/11/1367 by means of a first floor link and insertion of mezzanine with windows at first floor level). **Reason: 6**

**MA/12/1384/S** - KENWARD FARM COTTAGE, KENWARD ROAD, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6AG - First floor and part ground floor extension (Resubmission of MA/12/0192). **Reason: 1**

**MA/12/1398/S** - MILL FALLS, SALTS LANE, LOOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0BD - Extension and alterations to detached garage building and extension to parking area. **Reason: 2**

**MA/12/1409/S** - THE OAST, BRISHING LANE, BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4NF - Conversion of Oast House from one dwelling to two dwellings. **Reason: 1**

### Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 -Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 -Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 -Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 6 -Application is Major Development.



Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **2nd September 2012** quoting the application number.

**Rob Jarman** Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 19th August 2012.



## THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

**Y12/0626/SH#** - Prospect Coast Road Littlestone New Romney Kent - Erection of two semi-detached dwellings and associated landscaping works (including provision of aqua therapy pool) following demolition of existing dwelling.

**Y12/0627/SH#** - Prospect Coast Road Littlestone New Romney Kent - Conservation area consent for demolition of existing dwelling.

**Y12/0719/SH** - 13 Grace Hill Folkestone Kent CT20 1HA - Change of use and conversion of existing first, second and third floor offices to form 5 self contained flats, including first and second floor level extensions to rear, construction of enlarged dormer windows to front and rear roof slopes and other alterations (re-submission of application Y12/0268/SH).

**Y12/0546/SH#** - Manor House Straight Lane Brookland Romney Marsh Kent - Construction of 9.144m x 4.57m swimming pool in garden area to southeast of dwelling.

**Y12/0726/SH** - The Manor Office & Civic Centre Castle Hill Avenue Folkestone Kent CT20 2RB - Felling of a Yew tree (T7) and partial crown lift to 5m of a Sycamore Tree (T4), both situated within a conservation area.

**Y12/0445/SH+** - Ferndale 1 Station Road Hythe Kent CT21 5PL - Erection of a shed to front garden.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to [planning@shepway.gov.uk](mailto:planning@shepway.gov.uk). Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

# - The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

The applications marked (\*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning  
Shepway District Council



**THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY  
(OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2010  
(AMENDMENT NO 3) ORDER 2012**

The Shepway District Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Council") in exercise of their powers under section 35C of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in accordance with regulations made by the Secretary of State (The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders) (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 and of all other enabling powers hereby gives notice that the charges to be paid in connection with hourly tariffs and season tickets at off-street parking places will, on 17th September 2012 be varied as follows -

Charges apply 8am - 8pm unless otherwise indicated				
Car Park		Details of the charges on the date this notice is given	Details of the charges that are to be payable when the notice comes into force on 17/09/2012	
<b>SHORT TERM</b>				
<b>Folkestone:</b>				
Upper Payers Park	Up to 30 mins	£0.80	Linear charging at £1.00 per hour Minimum payment £0.50 (30 minutes) Maximum payment £3.00 (3 hours)	
Shellons Street	Up to 1 hour	£1.20		
Foresters Way	Up to 2 hours	£2.30		
Pleydell Gardens	Up to 3 hours	£3.40		
<b>LONG TERM</b>				
<b>Folkestone:</b>				
	Up to 1 hour	£1.20	Linear charging at £1.00 per hour Minimum payment £1.00 (1 hour) Maximum payment £6.00 (all day)	
	Up to 2 hours	£2.30		
Harbourside	Up to 3 hours	£3.40		
Leas Cliff Hall	Up to 4 hours	£4.50		
Tram Road	Up to 5 hours	£5.70		
	Up to 6 hours	£6.70		
	Up to 12 hours	£7.90		
<b>Car Park Season Tickets</b>		Current charges		
Valid in all car parks where the maximum stay is over 3 hours		3 months	£125.00	
		6 months	£250.00	
		12 months	£500.00	
Shepway Car Park Residents Permits		12 months	£52.00	
Replacement permits			£5.20	
<b>Car Park Season Tickets</b>		Proposed Charges		
Valid in all car parks where the maximum stay is over 3 hours		12 months	6 months	3 months
At any time		£655.00	£378.00	£189.00
6 days per week		£561.00	£280.00	£140.00
5 days per week		£468.00	£234.00	£117.00
4 days per week		£374.00	£187.00	£94.00
3 days per week		£281.00	£140.00	£70.00
2 days per week		£187.00	£94.00	£47.00
1 day per week		£94.00	£47.00	£24.00
<b>Shepway Car Park Residents Permits</b>		£52.00	-	-
<b>Replacement permits</b>		£5.20	-	-

A copy of the Notice of Tariff Changes may be inspected at the District Council Offices, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY, during normal office hours.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Notice or of any of its provisions on the ground that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that a requirement of any such enabling Act or of any relevant regulations made there under has not been complied with may, within 6 weeks from the date on which the Notice was published, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

If you have any questions concerning the Notice or require further information please contact Shepway District Council (Parking Services), Council Offices, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY (01303 853380) during normal office hours.

A. Lague, Highways Engineer, On behalf of B. Porter, Head of Communities, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY

**19th August 2012**

**Town and Country Planning Acts**

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

**12/02214/FUL** **Beacon Mill Cottage Rolvenden Road, Benenden**  
- Extension and conversion of outbuilding to residential use with link from house to outbuilding, and change of use of land from agricultural to residential (LB)

**12/02221/LBC** **Beacon Mill Cottage Rolvenden Road, Benenden**  
- Listed Building Consent: Extension and conversion of outbuilding to residential use with link from house to outbuilding, and change of use of land from agricultural to residential (LB)

**12/02169/HOUSE** **High Banks High Street, Bidborough**  
- Garage conversion and single storey rear extension (CA)

**12/01973/FULMJ** **Kippings Cross Oast Hastings Road, Brencley**  
- Retrospective - horse barn, sand school, horse walker and hard standing including change of use of land to equestrian (LB) (MAJOR)

**12/02212/FUL** **36 Broadwater Down Royal Tunbridge Wells, Broadwater**  
- Change of use of a storage area to a one bedroom studio flat (CA)

**12/02254/HOUSE** **The Coach House 13 Langton Road, Broadwater**  
- First floor side extension: Relocation of existing rooflight to existing bathroom and insertion of rooflights over existing dining area (CA)

**12/02224/LBC** **The Freight Freight Lane, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**  
- Listed Building Consent: Single storey rear extension (LB)

**12/02225/FUL** **8 Dudley Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden**  
- Conversion from 7 No. bedsits to 4 No. flats (CA)

**12/02231/FUL** **Barclays Bank Plc High Street, Hawkhurst**  
- 2 no. external condenser units to the rear (LB) (CA)

**12/02198/HOUSE** **Corner Cottage Haymans Hill, Horsmonden**  
- Retrospective - Close boarded fence 1.8m high (LB)

**12/02233/LBC** **Heath Stores Grocers The Heath Stores, Horsmonden**  
- Listed Building Consent: First floor internal alterations comprising installation of log burning stove with metal chimney (LB)

**12/02179/FUL** **Stephen Gardiner Architects 23 Berkeley Road, Pantiles & St Marks**  
- Change of use of part of ground floor from offices to residential, excluding the corner office retained for commercial use (CA) (LB)

**12/02125/FUL** **Kent Fire Brigade Tunbridge Wells Fire Station, Park**  
- Decommission existing below ground diesel tank (Capacity: 4,500 litres) foam-fill redundant tank. Installation of 10,000 litre cylindrical 110% self-bunded above ground diesel tank (CA)

**12/02152/FUL** **63 Calverley Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**  
- Change of use from recruitment agency (A2) to restaurant (A3). Minor alterations including internal openings within basement level, installation of extraction flue within existing chimney and a microlift system (CA) (LB)

**12/02160/LBC** **63 Calverley Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**  
- Listed Building Consent: Change of use from recruitment agency (A2) to restaurant (A3). Minor alterations including internal openings within basement level, installation of extraction flue within existing chimney and a microlift system (LB)

**12/02196/FUL** **Hollonds Farm Langton Road, Speldhurst**  
- Four bedroom, two storey dwelling (LB) (CA)

(DEV/PLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROV) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA)  
Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website ([www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk](http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk)), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to [planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk) or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe  
Head of Planning Services  
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

**Dated: 18 August 2012**

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HIGHWAYS

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VARIOUS ROADS, KENT (RESURFACING)  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012  
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC  
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow a programme of carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order to restrict traffic on various roads in Kent, as shown below.

The Order will become effective on or after 20th August 2012 for up to 3 months, or until the works have been completed.

The planned dates and times for each road closure or restriction are shown below, in a Schedule listed in alphabetical order of District.

Planned dates will be indicated by signage displayed on site 14 days in advance. Road closures and other restrictions will be in effect when the appropriate signage and barriers are in place.

Every effort will be made to keep to the schedule shown below. Some minor modifications may be made to dates and duration of works, to be advised once known.

Adverse weather conditions may prevent some works being carried out on the planned dates.

Roads that are missed will be re-scheduled, as advised locally and signposted on site.

SCHEDULE

ASHFORD

**A28 CHART ROAD, ASHFORD** - closed between Brookfield Road roundabout and Loudon Way  
**22 - 24 October 2012** - 8.00 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route via A28 Chart Road, Templer Way, Drivers Roundabout, A292 Maidstone Road, (also Chart Road in reverse), New Street, Forge Lane, West Street, Godinton Road, Elwick Road, A2042 Beaver Road, Victoria Road, Leacon Road and Brookfield Road.

**A20 HYTHE ROAD ASHFORD** - due to overnight resurfacing works on Hythe Road between **24 and 28 October 2012** (excluding Saturday) the following will apply

The approach road to Tesco, Willesborough will be closed overnight on Sunday 28 October between 7.30 pm until 5.00 am

**The Street, Willesborough** - the One-way Traffic Order will be suspended between the junctions with Hinxhill Road and A20 Hythe Road, when indicated on site.

Alternative route via A2070 Kennington Road, Willesborough Interchange and A20 Hythe Road.

The works themselves are between Junction 10 Willesborough Interchange and Summer Hill

CANTERBURY

**A257 LITTLEBOURNE ROAD, CANTERBURY** - closed between the junction with Warwick Road and the St Martin's Hospital Entrance

**28 August 2012** - overnight between 8.00 pm until 2.00 am

Alternative route via A257 Littlebourne Road, Canterbury Road, The Hill, High Street, Canterbury Road, B2046 Adisham Road, Old Dover Road, A2 Dover Road, A2050 New Dover Road, A257 Lower Chantry Lane, Longport and St. Martin's Hill.

**'PRIEST AND SOW CORNER' TANKERTON, WHITSTABLE**  
**Bennells Avenue, Herne Bay Road, St Swithin's Road and Tankerton Road** - The 4 roads making up the one-way system will be closed in 2 phases, between **17 - 22 October 2012** (excluding the weekend)

When Herne Bay Road and Bennells Avenue are closed, the alternative route is via Tankerton Road and St. Swithin's Road

When St Swithin's Road and Tankerton Road are closed, the alternative route is via Herne Bay Road and Bennells Avenue.

Side roads will be closed at their junctions with the above roads at certain stages, with local diversions in place.

DARTFORD

**A206 BOB DUNN WAY, DARTFORD** - closed between Joyce Green Roundabout and Marsh Street Roundabout  
**6 - 25 September 2012** (excluding weekends) - 7.00 pm until 6.00 am

Alternative route via A2026 Burnham Road, Victoria road, Hythe Street, Home Gardens, Overy Liberty, East Hill, A226 The Brent, A226 London Road and A206 Crossways Boulevard.

**B260 GREEN STREET GREEN ROAD / MAIN ROAD, LONGFIELD** - closed between Canada Farm Road and Station Road

**10 - 13 September 2012** - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm  
Alternative route via B255 Whitehill Road, Westwood Road, B262 Station Road, A2 Watling Street, A296 Princes Road, B260 Green Street Green Road, Trolling Down Hill and Green Street Green Road

**HEATH LANE UPPER & HEATH LANE LOWER, DARTFORD** closed at their junctions with **B2174 Princes Road** - to allow contra-flow traffic on Princes Road.

**12 - 17 September 2012** (excluding the weekend) - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative routes

*Upper Closure:* Heath Lane Upper, Highfield Road South and B2174 Princes Road.

*Lower Closure:* Heath Lane Lower, Oakfield Lane, A2018 Old Bexley Lane and B2174 Princes Road

DOVER

**A256 WHITFIELD / EASTRY BYPASS, EASTRY, DOVER**  
The Roundabout at the junction with Dover Road and Cater Road will be closed in 2 phases.

**24 August and 28 - 30 August 2012** - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative route via A256 Eastry Bypass, Sandwich Road, A258 Deal Road, Sandwich Road, London Road, Queen Street, Broad Street, Beach Street, Deal Castle Road, (Victoria Road and Ranelagh Road in reverse) The Strand, Dover Road, A2 Trunk Road, and A256 Whitfield Bypass.

**A256 WHITFIELD BYPASS, TILMANSTONE, DOVER**  
The Roundabout at the junction with Barville Road and Boys Hill will be closed in 2 phases.

**31 August 2012 - 5 September 2012** - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm (excluding the weekend)

Alternative route via A256 Eastry Bypass, Sandwich Road, A258 Deal Road, Sandwich Road, London Road, Queen Street, Broad Street, Beach Street, Deal Castle Road, (Victoria Road and Ranelagh Road in reverse) The Strand, Dover Road, A2 Trunk Road, and A256 Whitfield Bypass.

**A256 WHITFIELD HILL, DOVER** - closed for its entire length

**24 September 2012 - 8 October 2012** (excluding weekends) - 8.00 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route via A256 London Road (River), Crabble Hill, Whitfield Avenue, (Brookfield Avenue, Buckland Avenue, Cherry Tree Avenue,

London Road and Bunkers Hill in reverse) Green Lane, Melbourne Avenue, Honeywood Parkway, Honeywood Road.

**A256 SANDWICH BYPASS, SANDWICH** - North Poulders Roundabout and approaches (Junction with the A257 Sandwich Road / Ash Road) will be closed in phases.

**8 - 12 October 2012** - 8.00 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route for all through traffic via B2046 Adisham Road, A2 Trunk Road, A256 Whitfield By-pass, Eastry By-pass and Sandwich Road.

Roundabout and Sandwich Road approach

Alternative route for local traffic via A257 Sandwich Road, Marshborough Road, Foxborough Hill, Woodnesborough Lane, Poison Cross, Sandwich Road, A256 Sandwich Road and A256 Sandwich Bypass.

Roundabout and The Causeway approach

Alternative route via The Causeway, Strand Street, High Street, The Chain, Galliard Street, (and Hamet Street in reverse), New Street, Dover Road, Deal Road, A258 Deal Road and A256 Sandwich Bypass.

**A256 / B2011 YORK STREET, DOVER** (Roundabout only)

The roundabout at the junction between York Street and Folkestone Road will be closed in 2 phases

**12 - 15 October 2012** (excluding the weekend) - 8.00 pm until 2.00 am

Alternative routes

*Eastern Section:* via Priory Road, Ladywell, Park Place, Park Street, Maison Dieu Road, Woolcomber Street, Townwall Street, York Street roundabout and York Street.

*Western section:* via Folkestone Road, Elms Vale Road, Eaton Road, Astor Avenue, Tower Street, Tower Hamlets Road, Bridge Street, Frith Road, Connaught Road, Castle Hill Road, Woolcomber Street and Townwall Street.

**Worthington Street, Dover** - the one way Traffic Order will be reversed between Biggin Street and York Street, during the closure of the eastern half of the roundabout

**Biggin Street, Dover** - the one way Traffic Order will be suspended between Pencester Road and Edwards Road during the closure of eastern half of the roundabout.

**PENCESTER ROAD, DOVER** - closed for its entire length

**16 - 22 October 2012** (excluding the weekend) - 8.00 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route via Maison Dieu Road, Woolcomber Street, Townwall Street and York Street.

GRAVESHAM

**A226 OVERCLIFFE, NORTHFLEET** - closed between St. James's Street and Bath Street.

**28 August 2012 - 4 September 2012** (excluding the weekend) - 7.00 pm until midnight

Alternative route via A226 Bath Street, West Street and Thames Way.

**A226 SPRINGHEAD ROAD ROUNDABOUT, NORTHFLEET**  
The roundabout and all approaches to roundabout - A226 Thames Way, A2260 Springhead Road (up to 50 metres from the roundabout)

**12 - 17 September 2012** (excluding the weekend) - 7.00 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route via A2260 Springhead Road, Hall Road, Perry Street, B261 Dover Road, A226 Thames Way and B2175 London Road

**B2175 LONDON ROAD, NORTHFLEET** - closed between Rural Vale and St Mark's Avenue.

**17 - 20 September 2012** - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative route via A226 Thames Way, B2175 Stonebridge Way and B2175 The Hill.

**HALL ROAD ROUNDABOUT, NORTHFLEET** - Close roundabout and all approaches to it - A2260 Springhead Road, Hall Road and B262 Hall Road Overbridge will be closed in phases.

**20 - 28 September 2012** (excluding the weekend) - 10.30 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route via A2 Watling Street, A227 Wrotham Road, Coldharbour Road, Perry Street, B261 Dover Road and A226 Thames Way

**VALLEY DRIVE, GRAVESEND** - closed between Whitehill Lane and Valley Drive Roundabout (Lorry Park Entrance)

**27 September - 8 October 2012** (excluding the weekend) - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative route via Hever Court Road, Singlewell Road, B261 Old Road East and Valley Drive

MAIDSTONE

**B2163 LOWER STREET, LEEDS** - closed between Ashford Road Roundabout and Leeds Road

**23 August 2012** - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm  
Alternative route via Leeds Road, Sutton Road, Willington Street and Ashford Road.

**B2163 PENFOLD HILL, LEEDS** - closed between Ashford Road Roundabout and Leeds Road

**24 August 2012** - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm  
Alternative route via Leeds Road, Sutton Road, Willington Street and Ashford Road.

**B2162 HAMPSTEAD LANE, YALDING** - closed from the railway bridge north-eastwards for approximately 100 metres

**3 & 4 September 2012** - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative route via Hampstead Lane, Maidstone Road, Boyle Way, Branbridges Road, Beltring Road, Gravelly Ways and Leeds Road.

**B2163 HEATH ROAD, BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA** - closed between A274 Sutton Road and A229 Linton Road

**4 & 5 September 2012** - 7.00 pm to midnight  
Alternative route via Linton Road, Loose Road and Sutton Road.

**B2010 SMITHS HILL, MAIDSTONE** - closed between Hunt Street and Ewell Lane

**5 - 7 September 2012** - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative route via Smiths Hill, Yalding Hill, High Street, Lees Road, Hampstead Lane, Maidstone Road, Bow Road, Tonbridge Road and Teston Lane

**B2012 STACEYS STREET, MAIDSTONE** - closed at approach to Roundabout

**5 - 7 September 2012** - 8.00 pm to midnight

Alternative route via Staceys Street, Chatham Road, Sandling Road and Boxley Road

SEVENOAKS

**A224 LONDON ROAD, SEVENOAKS** - closed between Oak Hill Road and The Drive

**17 - 20 September 2012** - 9.00 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route via A224 London Road, Amherst Hill, London Road, A25 Bradbourne Vale Road, A225 St. John's Hill, Dartford Road, Pembroke Road and A224 London Road.

**A224 LONDON ROAD, DUNTON GREEN** - closed between A224 Morants Court Road and Barrett's Road

**29 - 31 October 2012** - 9.00 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route via A224 London Road, A25 Workshops Hill, Main Road, B2211 Chevening Road, Ovenden Road, Sundridge Road and A224 Morants Court Road

SWALE

**B2005 GROVEHURST ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE** - closed at the approach to Swale Way Roundabout

**17 - 20 September 2012** - 7.00 pm until 5.00 am

Alternative route via Saffron Way, Mill Way, St. Paul's Street, Staplehurst Road, A249 and Grovehurst Road.

**B2205 GROVEHURST ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE** - closed between North Street to Newman Drive Roundabout

**Sunday 11 November 2012** - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Alternative route via Saffron Way, Mill Way, St. Paul's Street, Staplehurst Road, A249 and Grovehurst Road.

**A2 ST. MICHAEL'S ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE** - Closed at the East Street roundabout exit into St. Michael's Road

**Sunday 18 November 2012** - 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Alternative route via East Street and Crown Quay Lane

THANET

**B2050 MANSTON ROAD, RAMSGATE** - closed from

Princess Margaret Avenue to and including Tesco Roundabout

**26 - 28 September 2012** - 3 nights, 10.00 pm to 5.00 am  
**1 - 5 October 2012** - 5 days, 9.30 am - 3.30 pm

Alternative route via High Street, Newington Road, High Street St. Lawrence, Nethercourt Hill, Canterbury Road East and Haine Road.

**ROYAL PARADE, LEOPOLD STREET and MADERIA WALK, RAMSGATE**

- closed between Queen Street and Albion Place

**28th September 2012 - 11th October 2012** 8.00 pm until 5.00 am (excluding Fridays and weekends)

Alternative route via Queen Street, West Cliff Road, London Road, Nethercourt Hill, High Street St. Lawrence, Park Road, Boundary Road, Victoria Road and Wellington Crescent.

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING

**A228 HOLBOROUGH ROAD, SNODLAND** - closed between Constitution Hill and A228 Snodland By-pass

**Monday 29 October to Wednesday 14h November 2012** - 7.00 pm until 5.00 am.

Alternative route via Malling Road, A228 Ham Hill Roundabout and A228 Snodland By-pass

**MALLING ROAD, SNODLAND** - closed between A228 Snodland Bypass and Hollow Lane

**Monday 29 October to Wednesday 14 November 2012** - 7.00 pm until 5.00 am.

Alternative route via Malling Road, Holborough Road, A228 Snodland Bypass, Ladds Lane Roundabout, A228 Snodland Bypass and Ham Hill Roundabout.

**A228 Snodland By-Pass (Southbound), Snodland** - there will be No Right Turn into Holborough Road, Snodland

Alternative route via A228 Snodland By-pass, Ham Hill Roundabout and Malling Road

TUNBRIDGE WELLS

**B2100 TOWN HILL, LAMBERHURST** - closed between Furnace Lane and The Broadway

**20 - 25 September 2012** - 9.30 am to 3.00 pm, between Spray Hill and Pearce Place, then 8.30 am to 5.00 pm once past Pearce Place.

Alternative route via Spray Hill and The Down.

**B2017 TUDELEY ROAD (Five Oak Green Road, Tudely Lane) TUNBRIDGE WELLS** - closed at the junction with Postern Lane, with no through access between between Somer Hill and Hartlake Road

**31 October - 2 November 2012** - 9.30 am to 3.30 pm

Alternative route via Woodgate Way, Pembury Road, Hastings Road, Pembury Northern Bypass, Maidstone Road, Badsell Road and Five Oak Green Road.

**A264 MOUNT EPHRAIM, TUNBRIDGE WELLS** - closed between Royal Wells Hotel and A26 London Road

**2, 5 & 6 November 2012** (NB excluding the weekend) - 7.00 pm until midnight

Alternative route via London Road, Church Road and Mount Ephraim.

**A264 CRESCENT ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS** - closed between Calverley Road and Calverley Park

**6 & 7 November 2012** - 7.00 pm until midnight

Alternative route via Calverley Road, Monson Road, Mount Pleasant Road and Crescent Road.

**CALVERLEY ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS** - closed between Calverley Street and Crescent Road

**8 & 9 November 2012** - 7.00 pm until midnight

Alternative route via Crescent Road, Mount Pleasant Road and Monson Road.

**Garden Street, Tunbridge Wells** - the One-way Traffic Order will be suspended for its entire length.

HIGHWAYS - ASHFORD AREA

**A252 MAIDSTONE ROAD, CHILHAM**  
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching and lining works and road stud renewal, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on A252 Maidstone Road, Chilham, on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 4 nights, between 8.00 pm and 5.00 am.

The road will be closed to the east of Molash, in the vicinity of Park Wood.

There will be no access for through traffic on the A252 between Challock and Chilham during these works.

For further information, please contact  
Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,  
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)  
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The alternative route is via A251 Buck Street, Faversham Road, A2042 Faversham Road, A28 Canterbury Road, Ashford Road and A252 Maidstone Road.

HIGHWAYS - CANTERBURY AREA

**GUILDFORD ROAD, CANTERBURY**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Guildford Road, Canterbury, on or after 3 September 2012 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases for its entire length. The alternative routes are via Martyr's Field Road, Heaton Road and Zealand road or via Oxford Road, Lancaster Road, Zealand Road and Heaton Road.

**OLD RUTTINGTON LANE, CANTERBURY**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Old Ruttington Lane, Canterbury, on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with North Holmes Road and Broad Street. Please note there is no alternative route. There will be some limited access for residents and businesses, but there are likely to be some delays.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984**  
**(PROPOSED ZEBRA CROSSINGS**  
**STATION ROAD WEST, NORTH LANE AND ST PETER'S**  
**PLACE, CANTERBURY)**

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council, as local traffic authority, and after consultation with the chief officer of police, proposes to establish three crossings (Zebra) for pedestrians under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as follows:

- STATION ROAD WEST**  
8 metres north east of the junction with St Dunstan's Street, Canterbury
- NORTH LANE**  
26 metres north east of the junction with St Dunstan's Street, Canterbury
- ST PETER'S PLACE**  
6 metres north east of the junction with Tower Way, Canterbury

HIGHWAYS - DOVER AREA

**BELSEY LANE, EWELL MINNIS**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to provide a new water supply, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Belsey Lane, Ewell Minnis, on or after 3 September 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Ferne Lane and Greenwich Lane. The alternative route is via Ferne Lane, Warren Lane and Belsey Lane.

**HAWKSDOWN, WALMER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)**  
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hawksdown, Walmer, on or after 3 September 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Dover Road and White Acre Drive. The alternative route is via Hawksdown, Hawksdown Road (with the agreement of the Residents' Association), Gram's Road and A258 Dover Road.

**INGLETON WOOD ROAD, RIVER**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To allow works access to phone cables in the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ingleton Wood Road, River, on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 5 days, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm each day. The road will be closed to the west (Hougham) side of

the junction with Minnis Lane. The alternative route is via Hogbrook Hill Lane, Alkham Valley Road, Alkham Road (note 11' 6" (3.5 M) height restriction) and Lower Road, plus Lewisham Road, Crabble Road, London Road (River), London Road (Temple Ewell) at the beginning, in reverse.

**SANDOWN ROAD, THE QUAY AND KNIGHTRIDER STREET, SANDWICH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)**  
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in Sandwich, on or after 3 September 2012, as shown below.

**SANDOWN ROAD** - closed from 3 September for up to 2 weeks, between Grange Cottage and the junction with Manwood Road.

**THE QUAY** - closed from approximately 17 September for up to 2 weeks, between Quay Cottage and the junction with Knightrider Street

**KNIGHTRIDER STREET** - closed from approximately 24 September for up to 7 weeks, between the junctions with The Quay and Sandown Road

**SANDOWN ROAD** - from approximately 5 November 2012 for up to 12 weeks (with an anticipated closedown over Christmas), between the junctions with Knightrider Street and Manwood Road

Only one road will be closed at any one time. The dates of the phases are approximate guidelines which may vary subject to weather, ground conditions and the progress of the works. The exact dates will be notified to local residents and signposted on site.

The alternative route for all phases is via the respective sections of Sandown Road, Knightrider Street, The Quay, High Street, The Chain, Galliard Street, (Harnet Street and The Strand in reverse), New Street and St George's Road.

HIGHWAYS - GRAVESHAM AREA

**HERON HILL LANE, MEOPHAM**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of Essential carriageway patching, Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting through traffic on Heron Hill Lane, Meopham, on or after 3 September 2012 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from David Street to 160 meters west of the junction.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with David Street to 160 meters west of the junction.

HIGHWAYS - MAIDSTONE AREA

**BETSHAM ROAD, MAIDSTONE**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Betsham Road, Maidstone, on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed its whole length. The alternative route is via Woolley Road.

**CARING LANE, THURNHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)**  
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of drainage improvement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Caring Lane, Thurnham, on or after 20th August 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of A20 Ashford Road and Caring Road. The alternative route is via Caring Road, Otham Lane, A20 Ashford Road.

**CLAPPER LANE, STAPLEHURST**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to install a new water main, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Clapper Lane, Staplehurst, on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 5 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from outside "Critoph" to "Roston" Farm.

The alternative route is via Marden Road, Station Road, A229 Maidstone Road.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**(A249 DETLING HILL/SITTINGBOURNE ROAD**  
**AT DETLING/THURNHAM)**  
**(TEMPORARY 50MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS)**  
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public using a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic travelling at any speed greater than 50mph on the northbound carriageway of Detling Hill/Sittingbourne Road between the existing permanent 50mph speed restriction 407 metres north east of its junction with Scragged Oak Road to the Detling Aerodrome Approach Road

The order shall come into operation at times when required as indicated by signage on site on 25th/26th/27th August 2012.

**FARLEIGH LANE AND NEW CUT, EAST FARLEIGH**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of repairs to East Farleigh Bridge and a retaining wall, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Farleigh Lane and New Cut, East Farleigh, on or after 24 August 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at East Farleigh Bridge on Farleigh Lane and from The Corner House to Rockwell Farm on New Cut.

The alternative route for Farleigh Lane is via Station Road, B2010 Lower Road, B2163 Teston Lane, A26 Tonbridge Road and for New Cut is via Dean Street, Workhouse Lane, Stockett Lane.

**FAVERSHAM ROAD, LENHAM**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to carry out carriageway patching, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Faversham Road, Lenham, on or after 2 September 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction with A20 Ashford Road

The alternative route is via The Street, Ringlestone Road, Hollingbourne Hill, Upper Street, Eythorne Street and Ashford Road.

**B2010 LOWER ROAD, EAST FARLEIGH**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to install a new telegraph pole, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Lower Road, East Farleigh, on or after 22 August 2012 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic from the junction of Charlton Lane to Gallant Lane.

The alternative route is via Charlton Lane B2163 Ewell Lane/Heath Road and Dean Street.

**OAKWOOD ROAD, MAIDSTONE**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to resurface the junction and construct a pedestrian island, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Oakwood Road, Maidstone, on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 12 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Tonbridge Road.

The alternative route is via A26 Tonbridge Road, Bower Mount Road, Oakwood Road.

**PLUM TREE LANE AND HILL GREEN ROAD, STOCKBURY**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of drainage works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Plum Tree Lane and Hill Green Road, Stockbury, on or after 3 and 10 September 2012 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic on Plum Tree Lane between the junction of Hill Green Road and West Wood Road and on Hill Green Road between the junction of Yelsted Road and The Street.

The alternative route for Plum Tree Lane is via Hill Green Road, The Street, South Street Road, West Wood Road and for Hill Green Road is via The Street, South Street Road Yelsted Lane.

HIGHWAYS - SEVENOAKS AREA

**FAWKHAM ROAD, FAWKHAM**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Due to enabling BT safe access for pole replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Fawkham Road, Fawkham, on or after 23rd August 2012 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside Downland for a distance of 100 metres.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with Castle Hill, Fawkham and Main Road, Longfield.

The alternative route is via B260, Ash Road, Ash Lane, A20, Fawkham Road, Brands Hatch Road, Valley Road, Fawkham Road.

HIGHWAYS - THANET AREA

**STAR LANE, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)**  
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of road widening and improvements, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Star Lane, Broadstairs, on or after 3 September 2012 for up to 6 months or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junction with Manston Court Road and Nash Road.

The alternative route is via Manston Court Road, A256 Haine Road and Nash Road.

**STIRLING WAY, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)**  
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**  
**AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC**  
**(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to repair carriageway potholes, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Stirling Way, Ramsgate, on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 5 days, between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm.

The closure will be in 2 phases, as shown below.

From 20 August 2012 for up to 3 days, the road will be closed between St John's Avenue and Rockstone Way.

From 23 August 2012 for up to 2 days, the road will be closed from Rockstone Way to Newington Road

The alternative route for through traffic is via St John's Avenue, The Centre, Bush Avenue and Newington Road. The adjoining roads will be closed at their junction with Stirling Way as the works progress, but will remain open for their other junctions.

HIGHWAYS - TONBRIDGE & MALLING AREA

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**COMP LANE, PLATT**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)**  
**TEMPORARY ORDER 2012**

Because of a New BT duct installation, Kent County Council intends to make an order an Order prohibiting through traffic on Comp Lane, Platt on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of Long Mill Lane and Beechin Wood Lane.

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The alternative route is via Beechin Wood Lane and Long Mill Lane.

HIGHWAYS - TUNBRIDGE WELLS AREA

BROOMHILL ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Broomhill Road, Tunbridge Wells, on or after 3 September 2012 for up to 7 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Oriol Cottage for 45m towards Speldhurst Road.

The alternative route is via Lower Green Road, Etherington Hill, Speldhurst Road.

FRITTENDEN ROAD, FRITTENDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install a new water main, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Frittenden Road, Frittenden, on or after 20 August 2012 for up to 3 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from London Lane to East Lodge.

The alternative route is via Cranbrook Road, Headcorn Road, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden Road, A229 Cranbrook Road, Rocks Hill.

WHETSTED ROAD, CAPEL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install a new water main over the railway bridge, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Whetsted Road, Capel, on or after 3 September 2012 for up to 26 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the railway bridge.

The alternative route is via B2017 Badsell Road, A228 Maidstone Road, Whetsted Road.

John Burr  
Director Kent Highways  
Invicta House  
County Hall,  
Maidstone  
Kent ME14 1XQ  
Dated 19th August 2012

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MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND  
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR  
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: **Kings Arms Hotel, Market Square, Westerham**  
Applicant: **Audrey Kelly**

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Cath Anley  
Head of Libraries, Registration and Archives  
Kent History and Library Centre  
James Whatman Way  
Maidstone, ME14 1LQ



KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND  
CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR  
CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made by Dr Keren Shaw of Ringlemere Oast, Woodnesborough, Sandwich to Kent County Council, to grant an approval for a ceremony at this premise.

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper.

Objections should be sent to the following address  
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PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY  
& VILLAGE GREENS

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF  
TUNBRIDGE WELLS

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980  
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH WT347 (PART) AT HORSMONDEN)  
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND  
STATEMENT  
MODIFICATION ORDER 2012

On 3 August 2012 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of that Order as confirmed is to divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered WT347, which commences at NGR TQ 7076 3940 (point A on the Order plan) and runs in an easterly direction for 125.0 metres and then in a south-south-easterly direction for 113.0 metres (totalling 238 metres) to its connection with Brick Kiln Lane (U1743) at NGR TQ 7094 3930 (point B) (between the points A-B on the Order plan); and to provide a new length of public footpath numbered WT347 with a width of 2.0 metres, which commences at the aforementioned point A and runs in a south-easterly direction for 86.0 metres and then in an east-south-easterly direction for 130.0 metres (totalling 216 metres) to the aforementioned point B (between the points A-B on the Order plan).

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Offices of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, The Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN11 2AB or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

The Order comes into force on 3 August 2012, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act which has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may under Paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by Paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the 19th August 2012, make an application to the High Court.

Countryside Access Service  
Invicta House  
Maidstone  
Kent  
ME14 1XX

DATED: 19th August 2012

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PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

Licensing Act 2003

Notice of application for a Premises  
Licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I Mr Adem Yuksel have applied to the London Borough of Hackney for a new premises licence in respect of the premises known as The Lake-Food & Wine, Unit A, Residence Tower, London, N4 2BA as follows: Supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises: From 07:00 to 23:00 Daily

Any person wishing to make representation in respect of the above activities may do so by writing to the Licensing Service, Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street, London, E8 1DY by 2nd September 2012.

A copy of the application is kept by the Licensing Service, Hackney Service Centre, 1 Hillman Street, London, E8 1DY. The application can be viewed Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm, except bank holidays.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for making a false statement is a Level 5 fine on the standard scale.

Licensing Act 2003

Notice of application to vary a  
premises licence

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I Simo (UK) Ltd have applied to Newham Council to vary a premises licence in respect of the premises known as Ally's Food and Wine Store, 257 High Street, Stratford, London, E15 2LS for:

Supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises:  
From 08:00 to 00:00 Monday to Sunday

Any person wishing to make representation in respect of the above activities may do so by writing to Licensing Team, 1st Floor Town Hall Annexe, 330-354 Barking Road, East Ham, London, E6 2RT by 7 September 2012.

A copy of the application is kept by Licensing Team, 1st Floor Town Hall Annexe, 330-354 Barking Road, East Ham, London, E6 2RT. The application can be viewed Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm, except bank holidays.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for making a false statement is a Level 5 fine on the standard scale.

Notice of Application for a Premises Licence  
under Section 17 of the Licensing Act 2003

Name of applicant: H & K Corporation (London Rd) Ltd.  
Address of premises: 3 London Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.  
TN11 1DQ.

It is proposed to licence these premises for late night opening.

Notice is hereby given that H & K Corporation Ltd has applied to Tunbridge Wells Council for the grant of late night premises licence (refreshment purpose) for our subway where we sell food and soft drinks from 6am till 4am Mon to Sat, and 8am to 1am on Sunday. Our premises is equipped with CCTV which records and is available to view up to a month. We do not carry any entertainment which can harm children. We do not sell any alcohol or allow with our premises.

Representation can be made in writing by 07/09/2012.

Please write to the address below

Licensing Partnership, PO Box 182, Sevenoaks, TN13 1GP

E-mail: [licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

Website: <http://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-licensing>

Full details of the application can be inspected by appointment at address above.

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Ghent

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Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 374677****ALISHA** blue eyed petite brunette, likes to keep fit, cooking, holidays, seeks male 30-45 for special times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392399****MICHELE** very attractive black single mum, 32yrs, someone you could take home to your mother, seeking a one in a million guy. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391879****GEORGINA** likes horses, dogs, walks, seeks male, 60-72 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386426****TANYA** 28, beautiful black single mum, very body confident and all out of love. Lonely and looking for good company with experienced respectful man. Any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 381727****HI** genuine, fun to be with male? Nancy 39, attractive, discreet, lonely and in need of some much missed male attention. 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London Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 369411**MEL** easy going middle aged singleton looking for adult companionship with nice male who appreciates a feminine, attractive lady. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 392487****WELL** educated female, slim, smart, mid 50's, needing to restart life, looking for tall, slim, smart gent with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391136****LADY** 60's, bubbly, hurt in past, likes socialising, cooking, cats, holidays, seeks kind honest gent, 58-65 for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 389653****KIRSTY** 44yr going on 24yrs, sensual, attractive and in need of spoiling, and attention, seeks likeminded male for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 383051****BERYL** 57, likes fishing, home life, seeks gent, 60-65. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382503****NATALIE** professional 30's female, no ties, everything a classy blonde should be, looking for special times with male up to 65yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 391871****YOUTHFUL** 52yr old female, old fashioned, seeks N/S male, 52-56 to have a talk and laugh with. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 390771****CARIBBEAN** young lady, 30, caring, genuine, seeks young Christian gent, 30-40 who is dedicated to God for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 386117****SUSIE** tactile 33yr old female who loves fast cars and motorbikes, seeks genuine male prepared to live life in the fast lane, 35-50yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 382163****LYNDA** very attractive attached female, own transport and willing to travel, seeking similar natured male for extra circular activities. 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## THE INTERVIEW

## Humphrey Berney

# When Blake were up for a tenor

Singer talks to **Joe Bill** about joining a band who have gone on to storm the musical world

**T**HERE are not too many bands who can say they conquered the world within their first five years, but British singing sensations Blake are getting pretty close.

The classical-pop-crossover group, who famously formed with the help of social-networking site Facebook, are due to release their fourth album later this year but have already had success in the Far East and the Americas.

Covering tracks ranging from operatic classics like Nessun Dorma to pop hits such as Chasing Cars by Snow Patrol, Blake have opened up a new swell of fans and continue to grow as a worldwide force.

Among the quartet is Humphrey Berney, who sees the group's gig at The Gulbenkian, Canterbury, in September as a bit of a homecoming.

He said: "I was a student at the University of Kent [home of The Gulbenkian] and a music bursar there, I had three great years there and absolutely loved it.

"I have sung in The Gulbenkian many times and did the university opera every year I was studying.

"In my first year I was actually the youngest-ever student to take the lead role in the opera, so I have got some good memories, and I worked a lot with Susan Wanless, the director of music there."

Berney's activities in Kent doubled as valuable lessons ahead of his career in music.

The 30-year-old tenor said: "Socially, Kent was great fun. I studied theatre and film because I wanted something arts-related but not to necessarily study music as a degree. I did loads of music on the side, and it set me up really well. I got



**SUITS THEM:** Humphrey Berney, third from left, has been part of Blake's phenomenal rise to fame

loads of great stage experience, as well as conducting, before going on to the Royal Academy and then into the professional world of music. Kent was a great platform because I could enjoy my music and not have to do it academically every day."

Blake formed in 2007 after the original four members – Ollie Baines, Stephen Bowman, Jules Knight and Dominic Tighe – came together through an advert on Facebook. But after Tighe announced his departure from the band in 2009, it was time to hunt for a new tenor... Berney fitted the bill, although there was a little help from social media once again.

"I joined two years in. It was a mixture of elements how I got involved. It was partly through Twitter, where I saw an advert to join the band, but also because I knew a

producer who worked on the group's first album, Blake.

"So when I got in touch with them and said I was interested, they spoke to this producer and he explained he had worked with me.

"I then had to go for some singing auditions with their director of music and obviously go and meet the boys to see if we'd get on.

"There was three days of meeting the guys, singing together and discussing the set-up. Three weeks later, I was on stage doing a UK tour with them, so it was all pretty quick."

As with the rest of the group, Berney has deep roots in classical music, but his musical influences are varied.

"From a very young age I was at a school where choirs were very strongly encouraged, so I grew up

from the age of seven singing as a chorister, singing church music and that sort of stuff.

"And then through my teens, I was always singing classical stuff, but I grew up listening to Dire Straits – my parents were always playing them in the house – and The Rolling Stones and Shakin' Stevens, Bob Marley and all the stuff around at the time.

"The music I like to listen to now is incredibly varied – that meant I loved singing not just classical stuff but musical theatre, bits of big bands. It's that variety of singing that makes me enjoy Blake so much."

And Blake's variety has appealed to a number of high-profile music buffs, bagging them a spot on the soundtrack to the Angels & Demons movie starring Tom Hanks and Ewan McGregor.

"We have done some really different stuff. I love singing Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah – we do a cappella version of that. It's such a beautiful, simple song. It always gets a great reaction from the crowd.

"That is what we specialise in, taking four voices in harmony and covering a really eclectic mix of music – everything from classics to pop."

However, Blake's next album is going to be completely different as the group are set to announce a number of their own songs.

Berney is delighted by the prospect: "We have a new album, Start Over, coming out in September and I should think 70 per cent of that will be completely original material, which is a new thing for us. We have always done original covers, but this is an original album, which is exciting.

"We are also recording with some legendary artists, but I can't say who they are at the moment."

The group have already begun to conquer the Asian market with their distinctive style of cover songs and their recent appearance on Chinese TV will have helped no end, with more than 350 million viewers reported to have tuned in.

"It was kind of surreal. It was the equivalent of the Chinese Oscars, the Chinese International Film Festival.

"We've done some big performances, like Wembley and Twickenham, but knowing that looking down the camera there were so many viewers was crazy. The trick is to try and not think about it because it would be very intimidating."

The group return to China for a tour in July and have also performed in the Philippines with great success.

"Culturally, it is such a different world, and I think they are fascinated by us four quintessentially English blokes, so it's a very exciting land.

"We are a very British group and very proud of that and I think it is having that very British identity that appeals to a lot of people abroad.

"I think at the moment we are one of the busiest international touring British groups."

With so much completed and so many boxes ticked off already, it is difficult to imagine where Blake can go from here.

Berney sets us straight: "Well, the China adventure is just starting, and there are 1.8 billion of them, so there is still quite a big challenge ahead."

**• Blake play The Gulbenkian, Canterbury, on Friday, September 21, at 7.30pm.**  
**• Tickets, priced at £24, are available from the box office on 01227 769075. You can also visit [www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian](http://www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian) for more details.**



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## Flavours of Kent

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# Younger sister is confident but more zing would let her sing

I can't tell if it is a good or a bad thing that The Granville, just south of Canterbury, is associated with its impeccable, Michelin Star-clad sister pub The Sportsman just a few miles away at Seasalter.

Every restaurant should be judged on its own merits, but I can't help thinking that this eatery in Lower Hardres, run by the same people as those who brought The Sportsman to fame, could forever live in its big sister's shadow, or indeed be dragged along on its culinary crest, even if it doesn't deserve to be.

The Granville is a picturesque pub with a modern interior, an open restaurant and a bar area. The atmosphere is good and the way they do things is different – and I like it.

You order drinks at the bar and take a few sips while mulling over the chalkboard featuring the evening's starters and main courses. Order and then head to your seats.

Homemade sliced focaccia bread, butter and sesame seeds were brought to the table shortly before my guest's choice of oriental pork salad (£7.50) arrived, along with my four rock oysters with shallot vinegar (£1.40 each).

The oysters were beautiful and fresh, as you would expect of a restaurant with close links to the seaside vendors. They tasted clean and cool, served perfectly with no shell remnants.

## RESTAURANT REVIEW



My guest let me try some of her salad, which included thinly-sliced carrots, lettuce, cress and a delightful dressing. We agreed it was a fine dish. You know it was enjoyed when your other half says she wants to make it at home one day.

Our main course was out promptly, heralding my chicken tagine with tzatziki (£12.95), served with green beans and new potatoes. The sauce was tasty and the portion a good size, but I was disappointed by the presentation and the potatoes were a little dry.

It was strange that the tagine came out on a

regular plate. I know this is a pub and not a Moroccan restaurant, but I thought it lacked a bit of zing and was clumsy.

My guest had the tagliatelle with ricotta, peas and mint (£9.95). She enjoyed it but was not as enthused as she had been by her starter.

The service was good for most of the evening, although we were left to wait between mains and desserts for almost half an hour. The staff on service did, in fairness, apologise and gave us a drink on the house, which was a nice gesture.

To finish, I went with flourless chocolate cake with whiskey and dark chocolate ice-cream, raspberry sauce and fresh raspberries at £5.95.

The sharp whiskey flavour complemented the deep chocolate pudding excellently and the fresh fruity taste was a bonus. My partner went for the vanilla crème brûlée with brandy chocolate truffles at £5.95. All fine.

The Granville offers good pub food at a good price: £65 for two, with drinks. Its menu is not ambitious, but it knows what it's about.

Joe Bill

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## Giving locally-sourced an all-new meaning

JUST yards from Stodmarsh National Nature Reserve, The Grove Ferry Inn provides the perfect location to take locally-sourced ingredients to a new level.

James Fraser, one of the pub's kitchen team, has created a three-course meal with canapés using items that he and the team have grown, foraged and hunted themselves.

A day in the woods, for example, saw the keen forager come back with mushrooms, edible flowers and berries for a delicious jelly dessert.

James and Aron, the pub's landlord, also visit the Reculver coast to source razor clams and seaweed and fish for bass.

## Café culture in the city continues at Browns

CANTERBURY has seen a number of new establishments in recent months that show the appetite for alfresco dining is growing.

One of those recent arrivals is Browns, an independent coffee house in Water Lane.

The business opens daily and serves a range of coffees both in-house and by the bag, as well as confectionary and some pastries.

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## Good enough for you? Indie night with Dodgy

**The Royal Function Rooms, Rochester**

Friday, October 12

Tickets £12

[www.thepreservationsocietypresents.com](http://www.thepreservationsocietypresents.com)

TOP 90s indie-rockers Dodgy have become the next band to announce an intimate gig in Medway through local music promoter Preservation Society Presents.

Known for their hits like Staying Out For The Summer and Good Enough, which reached No 4 in the charts during the height of the Britpop era.

The trio of Nigel Clark, Mathew Priest and Andrew Miller formed in 1990 in Hounslow, London, and have remained as Dodgy for the past 22 years, releasing Stand Upright In A Cool Place, their first album for a decade, in 2012.

The group will play the intimate 200-person gig at The Royal Function Rooms on Star Hill in Rochester on Friday, October 12.

## It's a puzzle... This challenge is a lot of fun

**Penshurst Place,  
near Tonbridge**

Open until September  
[www.penshurstplace.com](http://www.penshurstplace.com)

FOR the first time, Penshurst Place will this year have a maze attraction for visitors to enjoy during the school summer holidays.

But get this – the maze is

made out of, well, maize. And it's sure to provide hours of eco-fun for the family.

The new attraction has been designed by Mazescape and will be open at Penshurst until mid-September, depending, as ever, on the Great British weather conditions.

The maze will be free to visit for full-paying garden-ticket-holders and Penshurst Place season-ticket-holders.

For voucher and other card-holders there will be a small extra charge of £2 per adult, £1 per child, per visit to take on the winding, life-size puzzle.



## Eat, drink and take a ride Beer festival

**Station Road, Shepherdswell**

Sat to Mon, August 25-27

Tickets £10

[www.eastkentrailway.co.uk](http://www.eastkentrailway.co.uk)

DURING the August bank-holiday weekend the East Kent Railway group is holding its fourth annual Ale And Cider Festival.

Open from 11am to 6pm each day, railway fans will be able to hop on board a train from Shepherdswell to Eythorne station for a drink and celebration.

Revellers will be transported to the real-ale bar, real-cider bar and food tent.

The bar will feature 12 types of real ale and there will be a taste-off between Kent and Lancashire, with the local real ales being represented by Gadd's, The Ramsgate Brewery, and Wanstam Brewery in Canterbury.

There will also be music, games and quizzes.

The £10 ticket price includes the train travel and a pint.



## Salute the 40s Nostalgia and fine fashion

**Historic Dockyard, Chatham**

Sat and Sun, September 15-16

01643 823 800

[www.thedockyard.co.uk](http://www.thedockyard.co.uk)

THERE will be a wealth of nostalgia to soak up as The Historic Dockyard Chatham puts on its Salute To The 40s next month.

Vintage fashion will be a

theme and visitors are encouraged to come suitably attired and join a Parade Of Forties Fashion each day.

Alternatively, visitors can buy clothing and get their hair and make-up done at one of the vintage traders' stands once they are here.

Some of the best 1940s performers in the business will keep families entertained with singing, dancing and wartime humour.

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## Fright night with Dickens The Haunting

**The Churchill, Bromley**  
Mon to Sat, August 20-25  
0844 8717620  
[atgtickets.com/bromley](http://atgtickets.com/bromley)

CHARLES Dickens's The Haunting takes centre stage at The Churchill next week. Featuring David Robb (Dr Clarkson in Downton Abbey) and James Roache (Coronation Street and Cold Feet), this scary play will be the perfect way to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Charles Dickens's birth.

The Haunting tells the story of young book-dealer, David Filde (Roache), who is employed by a family friend to catalogue an impressive library of rare and antiquated books in a crumbling mansion.

A series of strange and unexplained events conspire to keep Filde from his work, leading him to convince his sceptical employer that the phenomena he is experiencing are real. Or are they?

Tickets are priced between £15 and £29.50.



## Reggae's own poet of love Lester Clayton

**Club Mojo, The Command House, Chatham**  
Sunday, September 9  
[facebook.com/xxartmusic](http://facebook.com/xxartmusic)

PART political activist and part love-poet, Tottenham-born Lester Clayton will play at Club Mojo at The Command House next month.

Clayton has a songwriting

wit that has been gaining fans and winning over audiences since touring the UK as support for Brit Award-winner Ed Sheeran.

His reggae-infused brand of 'street folk' with fiddle hooks and groove bass is fresh and infectious.

Clayton has already supported the likes of Ed Sheeran, Junior Marvin (former Bob Marley and The Wailers Guitarist), Just Jack and Libertines frontman Pete Doherty.

Tickets are priced at £5 and available on the door.



## King of Cool Britannia? The Kinks' Ray Davies

**The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury**  
Sunday, September 30  
01227 787787  
[www.marlowetheatre.com](http://www.marlowetheatre.com)

FRESH from his dynamic appearance at the Olympic closing ceremony in London, one of British rock's most iconic figures is heading to The Marlowe Theatre.

The man who will really get you going, Ray Davies, has announced he will be playing the Canterbury venue as part of his solo tour.

Famous for songs such as Lola, Waterloo Sunset and Sunny Afternoon, the group's mod style meant that The Kinks were at the forefront of British pop in the Sixties and cited as an influence by several bands of the Cool Britannia era in the 1990s.

Davies is sure to have the fans dancing all of the day and all of the night.

## The truths of a civilisation Ancient Egypt

**St Faith's Street, Maidstone**  
Open until Mon, September 3  
01622 602 838  
[maidstone.museum.gov.uk](http://maidstone.museum.gov.uk)

SECRET Egypt, Unravelling Truth From Myth, has opened at Maidstone Museum & Bently Art Gallery in the newly-regenerated St Faith's Street site.

Inside the museum are some fantastic artefacts dating back to the time of pyramids and pharaohs that will inspire history fans.

Undoubtedly the star of the collection is the Daughter of Osiris, Pa-Muta – a 2,700-year-old mummy brought to England in the 1820s and now residing in Maidstone.

The exhibition aims to separate the truth from the myths that have surrounded the ancient Egyptian culture, looking at curses and how the Egyptians were obsessed with death and the afterlife.



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## Shack attack Weathergirl lends a hand

**Calverley Grounds,  
Tunbridge Wells**

Sat and Sun, September 8-9  
[www.shackattack.org.uk](http://www.shackattack.org.uk)

FORMER BBC weather presenter Kaddy Lee-Preston is helping to build a shanty town in Tunbridge Wells.

International housing charity Habitat For Humanity will

bring its annual 24-hour Shack Attack to Calverley Grounds next month to highlight the way that millions of people around the world have to live.

Kaddy said: "They have chosen Tunbridge Wells this year to get volunteers together to bring along items that they can build a shack out of."

"It is a fun way of raising awareness of what the charity do and also showing what people around the globe are having to deal with."

Teams will build their shacks out of raw materials and stay in them overnight.

## Catch the oast with the most Hops and rock

**Kent Life, Maidstone**

Sat and Sun, September 8-9  
01622 763936  
[www.kentlife.org.uk](http://www.kentlife.org.uk)

THE Kent Life site is gearing up for its 26th Hops'n'Harvest Festival next month.

Thousands are expected to head to the Maidstone venue and rock to live music.

Beer-lovers can sample 60 varieties of rare and not-so-rare real ales and ciders, including Kent Life's sought-after Cobtree Old Ale, brewed using its own hops.

Festival-goers can explore the traditions of the festival and have a go at picking hops.

They will be able to see the last working coal-fired oast house in Britain, which will be back in full production for the weekend as well as meet Pearly Kings and Queens and characters from Kent's past.

Headlining weekend's live music are Van Susans and Funke And The Two Tone Baby.



## Ready the cannon... The Bodiam Mortar

**Bodiam Castle**

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[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/bodiamcastle](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/bodiamcastle)

HEAD to Bodiam Castle to see the firing of the Bodiam Mortar every weekend day until September.

For the first time in almost 600 years, the cannon will be fired from the castle at 1.30pm, historical experts having painstakingly built a replica of the original, which was found in the castle moat.

Legend suggests that the original weapon was used in the Battle of Crecy. It was used for firing heavy stone balls at enemy buildings, mostly during sieges.

The replica can now be seen throughout the summer alongside the trebuchet.

## Club classics Bank on a top holiday party

**Banks Bar, Maidstone**

Sunday, August 26  
Tickets £15  
[www.wegottickets.com](http://www.wegottickets.com)

BANKS Bar in Maidstone will welcome the Kiss FM roadshow to the venue for a party during the August bank holiday.

One of the UK's biggest

radio stations is taking over the outdoor terrace with a line-up of DJs set to ensure a scorching afternoon of dance music, garage and the biggest club-classic tunes.

Just some of the names featured will be DJ EZ, Justin Wilkes from Kisstory, Melvin and AJ King from Back 2 Black and resident DJ Nathan Martin.

There will be eight hours of entertainment, live music and dancing, with the venue staying lively from 4pm on Sunday until midnight.

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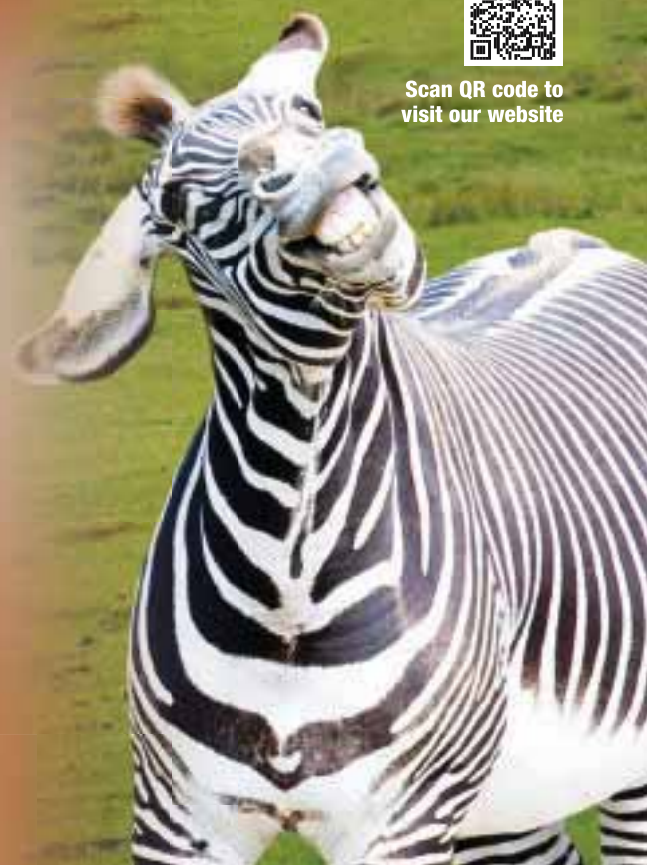
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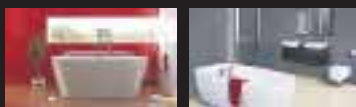
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Sharp new stylings are key for the A-Class Mercedes when its latest look hits the road



# Driving

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By Steve Loader

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TIME waits for no car, so Vauxhall's sleek Astra has had a midlife makeover despite being a regular in the UK top-10 best-sellers list.

Apart from nips and tucks, the car also has an exciting new engine option and extra trim level, Tech Line, to attract company-car user-choosers.

The new look concentrates on UK-built five-door hatch and Sports Tourer (estate) variants, which have a bold yet cleaner new front end through changes to the grille, indicator lamps and fog lamps (where fitted).

The rear ends also have new detailing and more chrome, but Vauxhall has pegged prices despite the upgrade.

Both these versions are also available in Tech Line, a new option being rolled out across Vauxhall models popular with the company-car sector and designed to deliver high spec but attract low taxation and running costs.

Standard kit includes all the staples needed by those who commute or work from their car: sat-nav with big seven-inch screen; aux/USB/SD slots with iPod control, so all data and sounds needs are covered; DAB digital radio plus seven premium speakers; audio controls on the steering wheel; air-con; and cruise control.

To ensure the driver also cuts a dash in the corporate car park, Tech Line models come with smart 17-inch 10-spoke alloys.

Most of the 10 engine options also wear Vauxhall's fuel- and emissions-saving Ecotec sub-branding to contribute to low running costs and tax efficiencies without curtailing enjoyment of the driver-pleasing chassis.

For those who want extra performance, though, there is a hot new diesel version of the three-door Astra coupe, or GTC, as Vauxhall prefers to call it.

The GTC is a stunning-looking car anyway with its own distinctive appearance alongside its five-door and estate sisters, with a clever reverse of the side-on 'blade' design motif used so effectively on all latterday Vauxhalls.

And it now has the added attraction of a 2.0-litre CDTi BiTurbo option to make it the most powerful GTC apart from the excellent VXR.

Priced at £23,925 – £995 more than the previous fastest diesel, the GTC 2.0 CDTi 165PS (163bhp) model – this brings 195PS (193bhp) and a healthy dollop of extra low-down pulling power through harnessing an additional smaller turbocharger to get moving. As the revs mount, both turbochargers work together.

Less than eight seconds is needed to hit 60mph, yet the BiTurbo can be sensible, with start/stop fitted as standard, plus an official combined fuel consumption of 53.3mpg and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of 139/km attracting road tax of £120 a year – good for a performance machine.

It also looks the part, with 18-inch alloys, lower ride-height, new bodykit and Track interior trim, including a flat-bottomed sports-style leather steering wheel.



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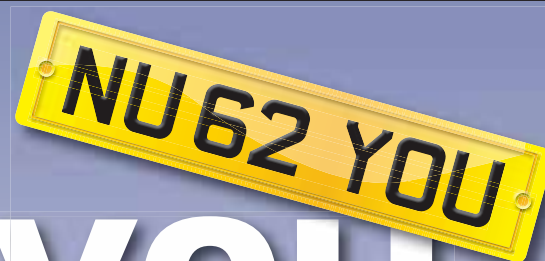
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# New course set for Mercedes A-Class

By Steve Loader

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MERCEDES-BENZ will have taken a quite different direction with its third-generation A-Class, pictured left, when it arrives later this year.

While its predecessors followed a high-profile mini-MPV format, the newcomer will be a rakish, almost coupé-style, hatchback using the brand's latest sharp-edged design language.

Why the change? Well, the BMW 1 Series and Audi A3 had been carving up this end of the market and closing Mercedes out, and the small but premium sector is not only increasingly profitable as drivers downsize their car choice but also the entry point for future buyers of bigger cars from the brand that wins their custom first.

It's also fair to say that Merc made life hard for itself by creating the B-Class, which also fulfils the mini-MPV function, though a tad larger than the previous A-Class contenders.

Having made the big decision to switch tactics with the latest A-Class, then, the car also sets out to catch buyers' eyes, not hard when Audi's obsession with design evolution rather than revolution makes the next A3 look suspiciously like its predecessors.

And if we're talking about looks, then the BMW 1 Series MkII is hardly an advance on the first-generation car; the droopy side-on view may be gone, but the bluff front end is hardly easy on the eye, even if the car is a joy to drive.

In contrast, the new A-Class really does look sharp and M-B seems determined to give it even more of an edge with tempting deals announced,



just as order books open ahead of December delivery dates.

With Personal Contract Purchase (PCP) schemes making up the bulk of finance on new cars, the A-Class will be available from just £249 a month, with similar deals for business users.

This works out at a 36-month fixed-term finance offer, based on a £3,279.50 deposit and 4.9 per cent APR.



The opposition will be worried because even while M-B waits for its most affordable model to arrive, the marque has just posted a record 4.6 per cent UK market share for July and a year-to-date rise of 13.7 per cent.

The July figures also showed the executive level C-Class saloon, left, coupé and estate line-up leap into the UK top-10 sellers list – a feat more often achieved by its arch-rival, the BMW 3 Series.

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## OLYMPICS

# Staff role a lot less stressful for Beijing gold medal cycling star

By Greg Miles

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WATCHING the Olympics for the first time after retiring was always going to be a strange experience for gold medallist Jamie Staff.

And even more so when, like him, you're a coach for an opposing nation.

The 39-year-old from Ashford watched on as his former team mates Sir Chris Hoy and Jason Kenny again picked up gold for Team GB, as they did with him in the men's team pursuit in Beijing four years ago.

However, the man who retired in 2010 because of back problems had no time to reminisce but instead focused on getting his USA team, for whom he is the director of sprint, ready to compete.

He admits it was much more stress free compared to his experience as an athlete, but also a frustrating one.

"It's normal for any athlete that has retired, you think you can still do it," he said. "It is frustrating getting old, and since retiring I find it hard to find the time to exercise."

"You don't have that stress, that pressure to perform, so to speak though."

Alongside his coaching duties, the former World BMX Champion managed to commentate with Team GB cycling star Mark Cavendish and presenter Jake Humphrey on the BBC, as well as meet-



Picture: MARCH ASPLAND

**GOLD:** Team GB men's pursuit team in action in the velodrome in London, where Jamie Staff was working with the USA cycling team

ing up with old friends.

"GB cycling is in my heart, I was cheering on all the British athletes," he said. "It's been absolutely fantastic to see the success here."

"I bumped into Chris (Hoy) here and there but they are so busy and focused you only get to chat. It's nice to see the British staff, they are the ones you see about at the competitions."

"It's always nice to catch up

in a causal manner with Team GB. They have been very supportive of me and what I'm trying to do."

"The TV stuff is really fun being trackside with Cavendish and Jake Humphrey. The atmosphere was absolutely amazing. I was taking my ear pieces off and putting my finishers in my ears because it was so noisy."

Staff joined the USA set up

shortly after his retirement, working near his home in California, which ironically is near an army base called Camp Pendleton. He insists there were no great expectations from these games, and instead he plans to deliver in Rio in four years time. However, his team did win two silvers – in the women's sprint with Sarah Hammer who lost out to Brit Laura Trott, and

with the women's team pursuit.

While he was well aware of Team GB's success inside the velodrome he didn't get to see much of the action around the Olympic park, partly because of his dislike of large crowds.

"I don't like hanging around 100,000 people," he said. "I live close to Disney World back home and they call it the happiest place in the world, but I hate it."



Picture: PAUL JERRETT

**FRUSTRATION:** Retired Jamie Staff had to watch as a coach while former team mates raced

"I've been picking the paper in the morning wondering what's happened. You don't get to see much, if you're at home you are more informed than anyone else here."

Although his head is well and truly across the pond his heart is firmly in Kent where his family still live.

"I have been out there for a good chunk of my life but I miss Kent," he said. "I miss my mum and my dad and sister, it's hard, but with modern technology you can Skype and do all that sort of stuff."

One thing the natives in the States do get to see is the medal he won in Beijing, but only on rare occasions.

He said: "I have done a couple of school visits in the States and for me that's one of the best things about the medal, trying to pass on the message that anyone can achieve."

"It's not for the wealthy, anyone can achieve this and I'm hoping people will have seen that on the TV these last three weeks with the boxing to judo or cycling. It's just about belief."

## CRICKET

## Twenty20 shake-up needed, says Kent chief Clifford as Mahmood jets off to Sri Lankan Premier League

JAMIE Clifford believes big changes need to be made to the country's Twenty20 competition in order to catch up with the likes of the Indian Premier League in the wake of Azhar Mahmood's departure from the county.

It was confirmed this week that Kent favourite Mahmood has been released to allow him to play in the Sri Lanka Premier League for the next two weeks for Wayamba United.

And while he will return to Canterbury for the final weeks of the season, there is no guarantee he'll be back next year despite the county having first option on the man from Pakistan should he decide to play T20 in England next year.

"We have got a good relationship with Azhar and wanted to allow him to do it with our blessing," said Clifford.

"He will come back to us at the end of the season, and we will see where he goes next year. We have an option to secure him for the Twenty20."

"If he decides to come and play back in England we have an option of him playing for us before he plays elsewhere."

"That's a long way off and the priority at this stage was to release him for the Sri Lanka Premier League."

Clifford feels the English T20 game has a lot to do to catch up with the one-day formats abroad where it is becoming ever popular, and attractive to the world's best.

"There is an on-going debate about the best way to attract higher-profile players to the game," he said.

"I am sure in time we will see a different format, but at the moment it is too early to say what that would look like."

He felt the English T20 campaign would benefit from stretching out across the whole season, or being cut shorter.

"The IPL has stolen a march on everybody else, it's now the fifth biggest sporting event in

financial terms, which is some going," he said.

"We could have a short, sharp competition that has a high profile to attract players from around the world," he said.

"We could have a competition where the T20 is spread throughout the season. We would get decent gates at every fixture we put on."

"Our county championship is the best four-day game in the world at the moment, it wasn't so long ago that the Australians were looking at us to see what they could do better."

Meanwhile Kent get back to their CB40 campaign this weekend when they travel to Northamptonshire on Sunday.

They play their penultimate game in the competition at Canterbury against Yorkshire on Wednesday knowing they need to win to keep their hopes of a place in the semi-finals alive as they are currently second in Group C.

Their final game in the competition is against Sussex.



Picture: ADY KERRY

**IN DEMAND:** Azhar Mahmood is off to Sri Lanka



FOOTBALL

# It's down to business for Allen with Bradford visit

By Greg Miles  
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WHILE Martin Allen tasted victory in his first competitive game in charge of Gillingham in the League Cup this week, it is in the league that he will be judged on results.

His reign got off to a perfect start thanks to goals from Danny Kedwell and Ben Strevens in the 2-1 win over Bristol City.

But promotion is well and truly at the top of the agenda at Priestfield this season after two years of coming so close but ultimately failing to make it to the be-all-and-end-all for chairman Paul Scally – League One.

So, after relieving Andy Hessenthaler of his duties and then promoting him to director of football, Scally has placed his trust in Allen to lead the Gills back to the third flight – and that journey starts again, if you didn't already know, tomorrow at home to Bradford City.

The Gills have a good record when it comes to opening fixtures, losing just once in the last seven years, when they went down 1-0 at Cheltenham in 2007; a peak was the memorable 5-0 thrashing of Swindon Town in 2009.

What Allen's side certainly won't want is a repeat of their last performance against the Bantams back in March.

Hessenthaler's side looked to be cruising to a victory with a two-goal advantage 11 minutes into the second half, but they let their lead slip in controversial circumstances, leaving fans wondering what might have been if they'd had those extra points in the bag come the final day.



SPOT ON: Danny Kedwell nets the Gills' first from the penalty spot in the victory over Bristol City

Lewis Montrose put the Gills 1-0 up on 25 minutes before an own goal from Bradford's Simon Ramsden doubled the lead, but it all got a bit nervy with 19 minutes to go when substitute Nehki Wells stuck back.

The Gills just couldn't hold on as James Hanson scrambled the ball into the net with six min-

utes to go, leaving Hessenthaler fuming. The linesman had flagged the goal offside, but he was overruled by the referee.

Gillingham will host Championship side Middlesbrough in the second round of the Capital One Cup. The match will be played on Tuesday, August 28.

ICE HOCKEY

## Talismanic Smith returns for ninth year with Dynamos

KEVIN Parrish has added the final piece to his Invicta Dynamos squad as they returned to training this week.

Captain Andy Smith has re-signed for his ninth season and kept the captaincy that he was given at the start of last year.

The prolific forward was praised by Parrish for the way he handled his first year leading the team.

He said: "We may have announced Andy's re-signing last, but, as a coach, he is always the first name you want to pin down for another season when the campaign draws to a close.

"Every year when he pens a new deal we describe him as a major capture, a top player in this league and the club's talisman and it is a credit to his attitude and ability that we are still saying this nine years into his time in Gillingham.

"His record in Kent speaks for itself and I am delighted he will be looking to add to it in 2012-13.

"Andy was an excellent leader last term in difficult circumstances, so I have asked him to carry on with the role. He had a tricky first year donning the 'C', given our



LEADER: Andy Smith skippers again

early-season off-ice issues, but he handled it well and, with everything sorted and ready to go for the new season, he can concentrate on leading his team on the ice.

"As a player he has been with the club for nearly a decade, knows the set-up inside out and will do whatever it takes to make the Dynamos successful.

"I can think of no one else better suited to the role and I look forward to having him steering the side from the front when the new campaign gets under way."

RUGBY LEAGUE

## Dragons run out of luck but the future's bright

MEDWAY Dragons' promotion hopes ended in tatters as a nightmare day finished in defeat to a side they had thrashed the previous weekend.

The Dragons had high hopes of overcoming the Southampton Spitfires on Saturday after dishing out a 52-10 drubbing the week before, but traffic and injuries conspired against them and they went down 32-14 in the play-off semi-final on the south coast.

The day got off to a bad start as terrible traffic meant they missed the kick-off and had little time to prepare once they arrived.

When the game finally got under way, they suffered a series of injuries in the first half that took the wind out of their sails.

But while coach Mark Roughsedge was disappointed at how the season ended he was happy with the way the club had progressed in its second year at this level.

"Everyone was pretty confident on the back of the result the week before, but Lady Luck was against us on the day," he said.

"The pleasing thing is, though,



YOUTH: Dragons have squad depth

that 11 of the 17 players we had were junior players that have come through the ranks – it's massively pleasing.

"The fact they are performing at this level now puts us in good stead for the future."

CRICKET ROUND-UP



## Lordswood slump to defeat against Wells

LORDSWOOD fell to an eight-wicket defeat at the hands of bottom side Tunbridge Wells.

Lordswood batted first and struggled until Matt Greenwood took control as he hit 81 off 108 balls to give Wells 172 to chase.

Wells openers Alexander Williams (58) and Gregor Patterson (69 not out) continued their fine form for Wells as they reached 173 for two in 29 overs.

In Division Three, High Halstow had to settle for a losing draw at Downham and Bellingham.

The hosts batted first and got off to a nervy start as John Sawyer went to the first ball, but Robin Bailey (52) and Gary Hooper (110) steadied the ship and helped set a total of 231 for eight. Ashley Trigg finished with 4-73, while Chris Dockray took 3-50 with the ball.

High Halstow's openers couldn't quite match the start their hosts had made, with Benjamin Bowles top-scoring with 35. David Taylor valiantly batted out the final 24 balls to save his side from defeat as they reached 175 for nine.

In Division Four, Rainham suffered a blow to their survival hopes in losing by 105 runs at the hands of relegation rivals Bexleyheath.

The winners batted first and made 165 all out. Pat Heath top-scoring on 50, while Chris Newman took 6-37 with the ball.

Rainham's reply never got going as the top three batsmen made two runs between them and Carlise Burnham helped himself to eight wickets for 27 runs.

Phil Bellars (17) and Stuart Swaine (22) were the only batsmen to reach double figures, Rainham finishing on 60 all out in 25 overs.

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Bexley	15	8	2	20	16	159
Lordswood	15	8	0	14	15	149
Bickley Park	15	8	0	11	17	140
Beckenham	15	7	0	14	12	136
Bromley	15	7	1	13	21	136
Canterbury	15	6	1	12	24	128
Tunbridge Wells	15	6	0	16	18	118
DIVISION THREE						
Addington Village	15	13	0	4	1	237
Catford Wanderers	15	11	0	1	8	229
Chestfield	15	9	0	7	10	201
Old Elthamians	15	8	0	8	15	187
Old Wilsonians	15	5	1	17	21	156
Holmesdale	15	5	1	13	20	135
Old Colfeians	15	3	1	10	29	121
Downham & Bellingham	15	2	1	15	19	108
High Halstow	15	1	0	15	20	95
Harvel	15	1	0	10	24	86
DIVISION FOUR						
Cowdrey	15	9	1	10	10	206
Nonington	15	9	2	13	9	202
Macknade	15	7	1	12	19	181
Sidcup	15	5	2	19	26	173
Minster (Sheppey)	15	6	0	9	21	170
Rodmersham	15	5	0	11	22	149
Betteshanger CW	15	4	1	11	23	144
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